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THE PRINCE AND THE MAGICIAN



...WHEN HE SAW A WOMAN WITH A POT ON HER HEAD GOING PAST.

LET'S SEE HOW GOOD MY AIM IS.



YOU! WELL, WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM A BOY WHO HAS NO FATHER?



WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I...NOTHING! NOTHING!..



YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT MY FATHER!

NO! NO!



BALARAJU RUSHED BACK TO THE PALACE.

MOTHER!

WHAT IS IT,
SON?

WHERE IS
MY FATHER?

WHY DO YOU
ASK?

I WANT TO KNOW.
PLEASE TELL ME
WHERE MY
FATHER IS.

I SUPPOSE YOU'LL
HAVE TO BE
TOLD SOONER
OR LATER.
NOT ONLY
ABOUT YOUR
FATHER, BUT
ALSO YOUR
MOTHER.

MY
MOTHER?

YOUR MOTHER,
BALA NAGAMMA,
WAS MY YOUNGEST
SISTER. WE WERE
SEVEN IN ALL
AND WE WERE
MARRIED TO
SEVEN PRINCES,
ALL BROTHERS.

"ONE DAY OUR HUSBANDS LEFT TO
PUT DOWN A REBELLION IN A
DISTANT PART OF THE COUNTRY."

"YOU WERE BORN SOON AFTER THEY LEFT."

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL BABY!

IF ONLY HIS FATHER WERE HERE.

"YOUR ARRIVAL DISPELLED THE GLOOM THAT PERVADED THE PALACE AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCES."

"BUT SEVEN DAYS LATER A WICKED MAN CAME TO THE PALACE."

"HE WAS A MAGICIAN. WHEN HE SAW YOUR MOTHER —"

YOUR BEAUTY TAKES MY BREATH AWAY.

MARRY ME!

I AM ALREADY MARRIED. PLEASE GO AWAY.

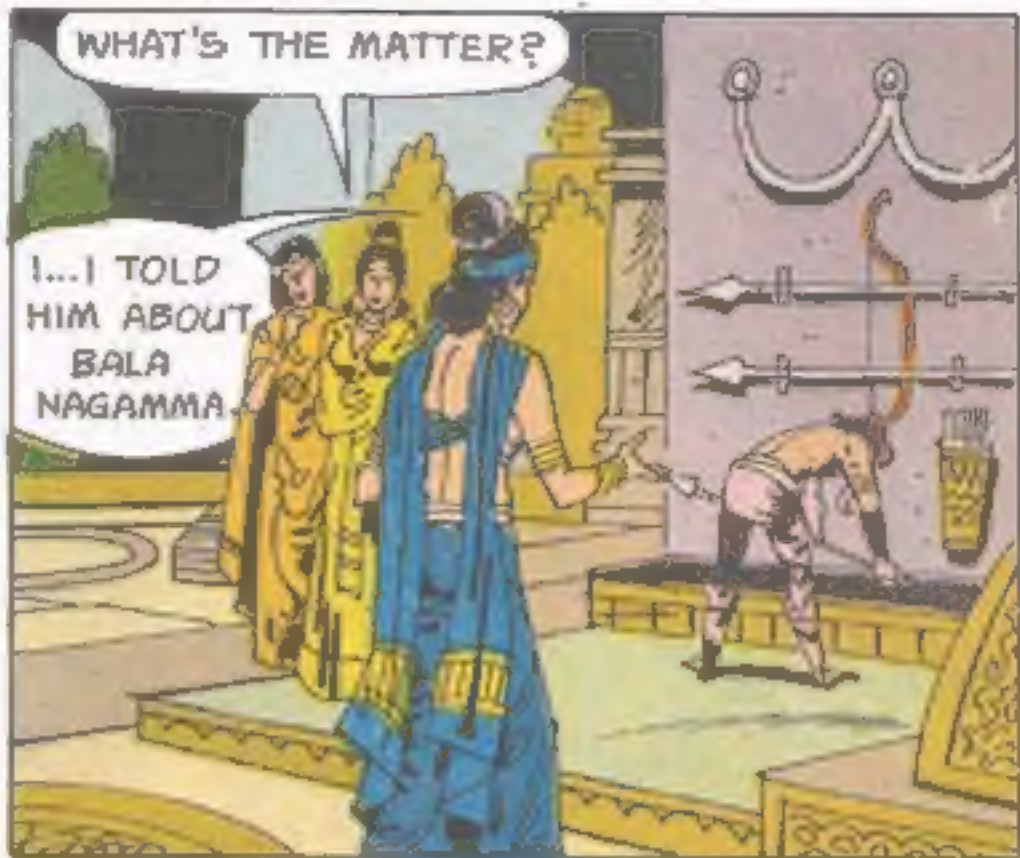
ALL RIGHT. BUT YOU WILL GO WITH ME.

HE... HE HAS TURNED BALA NAGAMMA INTO A DOG BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO MARRY HIM!





WAIT! IT'S
NO USE! THEY
MUST BOTH BE
DEAD!



WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I... I TOLD
HIM ABOUT
BALA
NAGAMMA.



THE SISTERS DID THEIR BEST TO
KEEP BALARAJU AT HOME.

PLEASE DON'T
LEAVE US.

WE HAVE LOST
OUR HUSBANDS
AND OUR SISTER.
YOU ARE ALL WE
HAVE.



BESIDES,
YOU ARE A MERE
BOY!

THE
MAGICIAN
IS POWERFUL
AND
RUTHLESS!



DON'T TRY TO
STOP ME. LET ME
GO, I BEG
YOU.

SEEING THAT HE WAS
DETERMINED, THE SISTERS
FINALLY LET HIM GO.



BALARAJU SET OUT ON
HIS QUEST.

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS —

I WONDER WHAT TOWN THIS IS!

STRANGE! THE ROADS ARE DESERTED...NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT!

AH! THERE'S SOMEONE AT LAST!

GRANDMA, WAIT! WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHY ARE THERE NO PEOPLE ABOUT?

THERE'S A HUGE MAN-EATING TIGER PROWLING THE STREETS. HE HAS DEVoured ALL THE MEN THE KING SENT AFTER HIM.

ROARR

IT'S HIM! COME IN QUICKLY!



BALARAJU BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR THE TIGER. AFTER SOME TIME HE FOUND HIMSELF OUTSIDE A PALACE.



PRESENTLY A DARK SHAPE APPEARED IN THE DISTANCE.



BALARAJU CUT OFF THE
TIGER'S PAWS AND
TAIL ...



...AND WENT
BACK TO THE OLD
WOMAN'S HOUSE.



THE FOLLOWING MORNING A
WASHERMAN WHO WAS GOING
TO THE PALACE SAW THE TIGER.



HE MUST HAVE
DIED OF INDIGES-
TION OR SOME-
THING! WHAT
A STROKE OF
LUCK!



THE WASHERMAN RUSHED TO
THE PALACE.



I MET HIM JUST NOW
AND ... AND I BEAT
HIM TO DEATH!

YOU
DID
WHAT?



I BEAT HIM TO
DEATH. HE IS
LYING OUTSIDE.



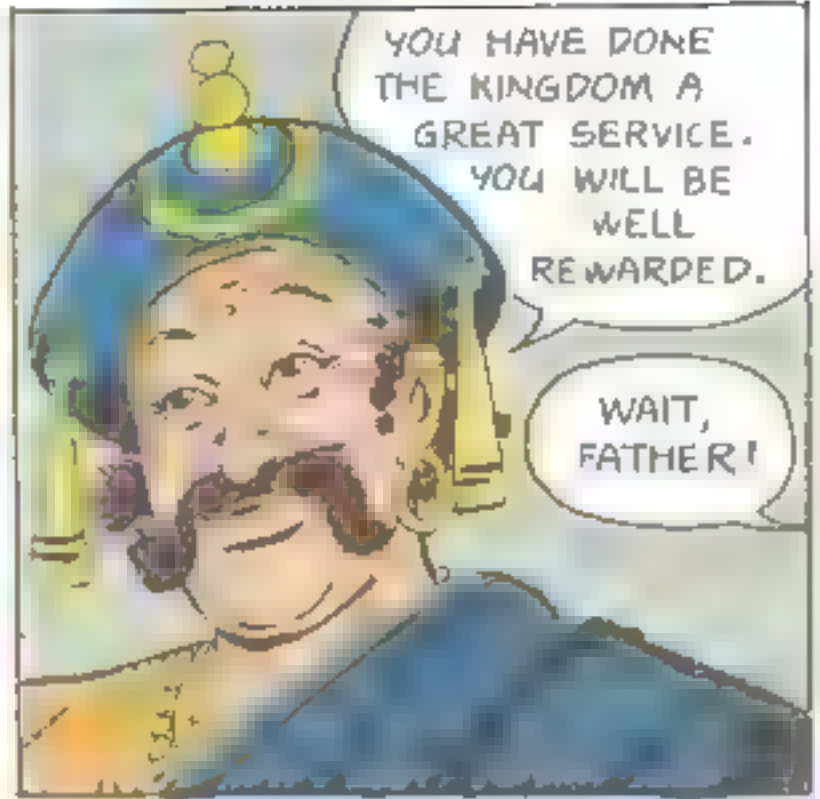
THE TIGER WAS BROUGHT IN AND EVERYONE MARVELLED AT THE WASHERMAN'S BRAVERY.

HE HAS PUT OUR GREATEST WARRIORS TO SHAME



YOU HAVE DONE THE KINGDOM A GREAT SERVICE. YOU WILL BE WELL REWARDED.

WAIT, FATHER!



THAT'S RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TIGER'S PAWS AND TAIL?

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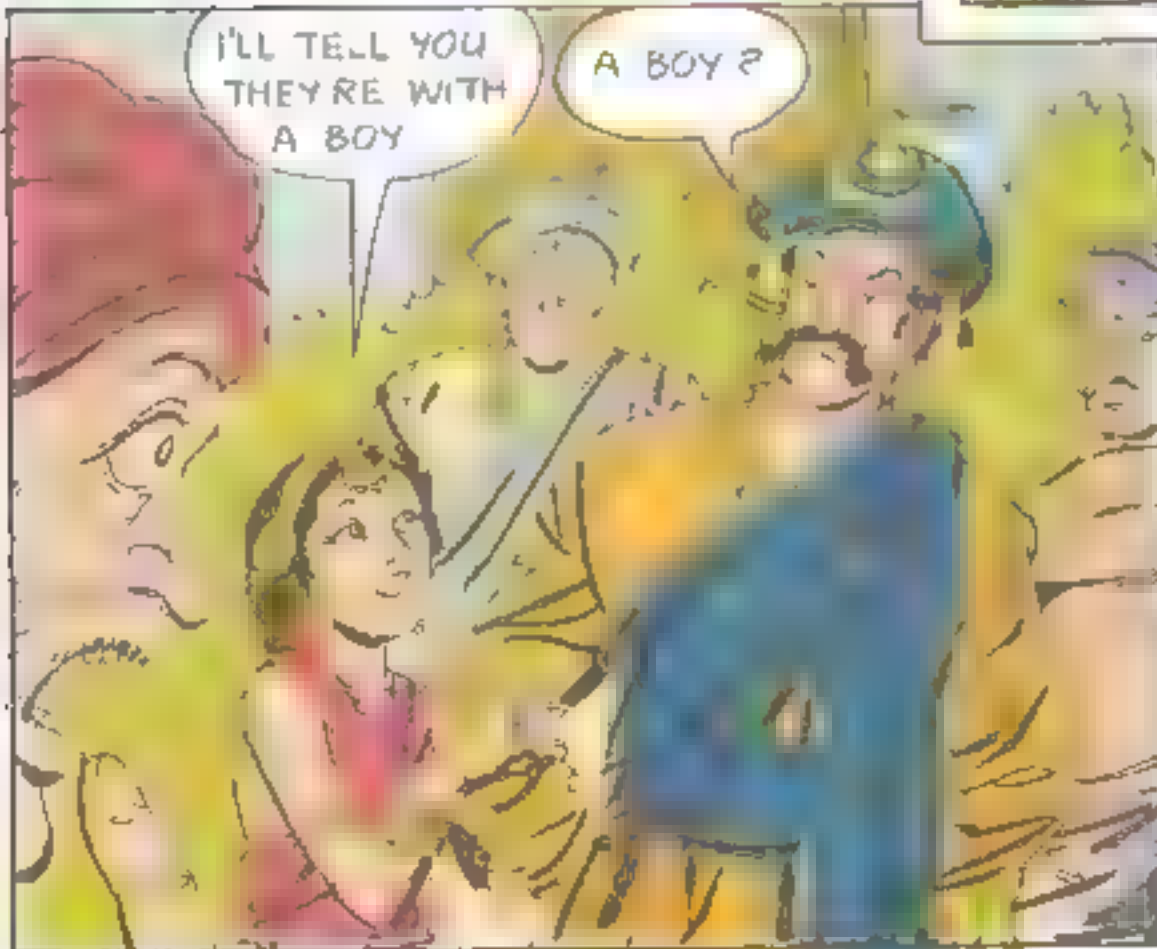
PLEASE ASK HIM WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TIGER'S PAWS AND TAIL

PAWS AND TAIL?

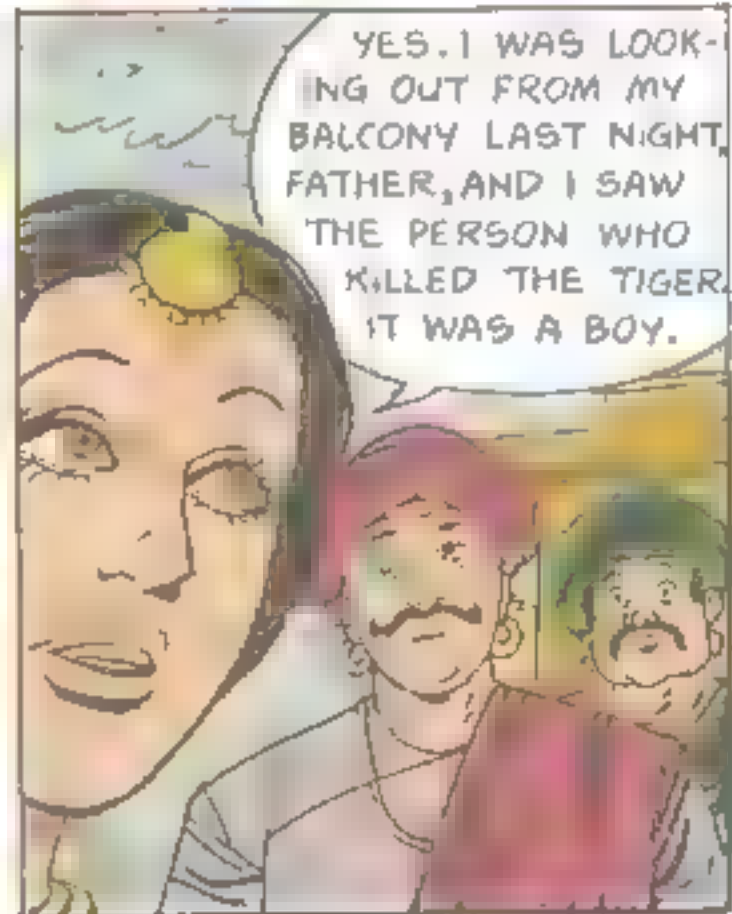


I'LL TELL YOU THEY'RE WITH A BOY

A BOY?



YES. I WAS LOOKING OUT FROM MY BALCONY LAST NIGHT, FATHER, AND I SAW THE PERSON WHO KILLED THE TIGER. IT WAS A BOY.





I SENT MY MAID AFTER HIM TO SEE WHERE HE LIVED.



IS THIS TRUE?

Yes...



FORGIVE ME, MAHARAJ!



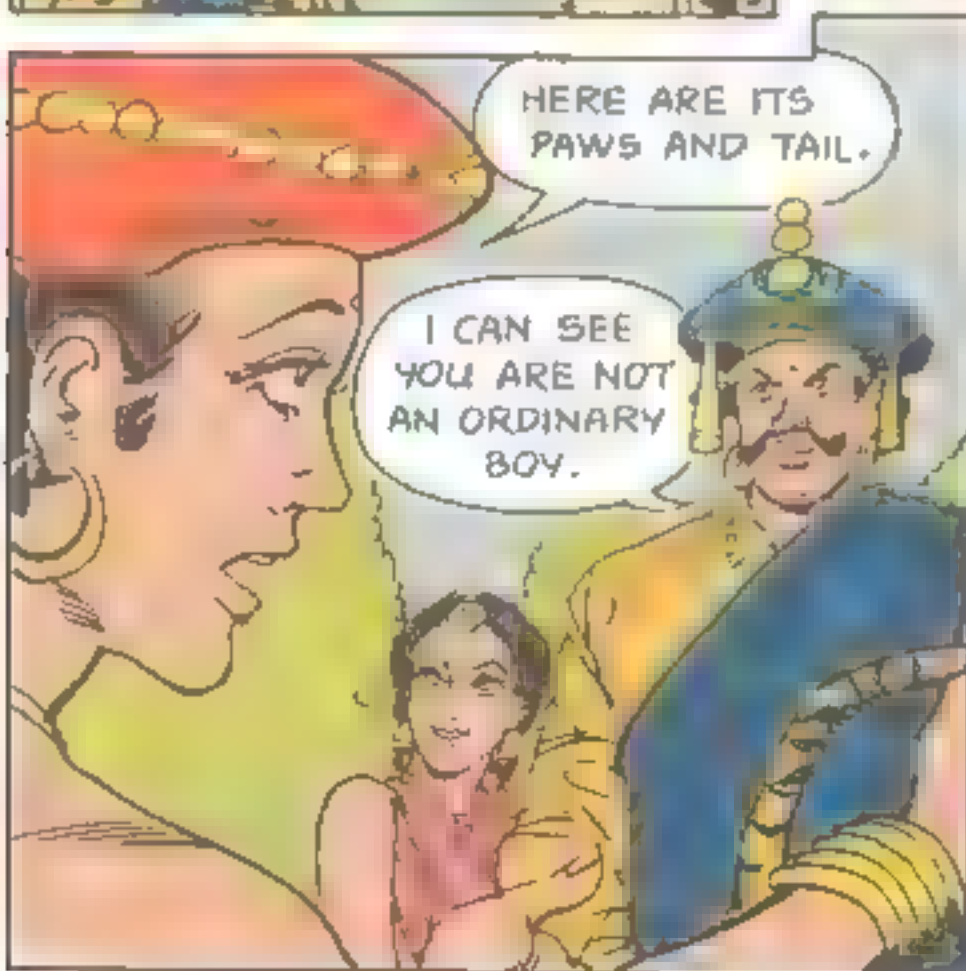
BRING THE BOY HERE!



BALARAJU WAS BROUGHT TO THE PALACE

WAS IT YOU WHO SLEW THE TIGER?

YES, MAHARAJ.



HERE ARE ITS PAWS AND TAIL.

I CAN SEE YOU ARE NOT AN ORDINARY BOY.



STAY HERE AND MARRY MY DAUGHTER.

I AM HONOURED, MAHARAJ, BUT...

--- I CANNOT
STAY HERE I AM ON
MY WAY TO THE
CITY OF THE MAGICIAN
TO FIND MY
PARENTS



HOWEVER, ON
MY WAY BACK
I SHALL
CERTAINLY
CLAIM HER!



SOON AFTERWARDS, BALARAJU
TOOK HIS LEAVE OF THE
GRATEFUL KING AND HIS
SUBJECTS AND JOURNEYED ON.



SEVERAL DAYS LATER HE REACHED ANOTHER
KINGDOM ONE NIGHT AS HE WAS SLEEPING IN
THE OPEN —

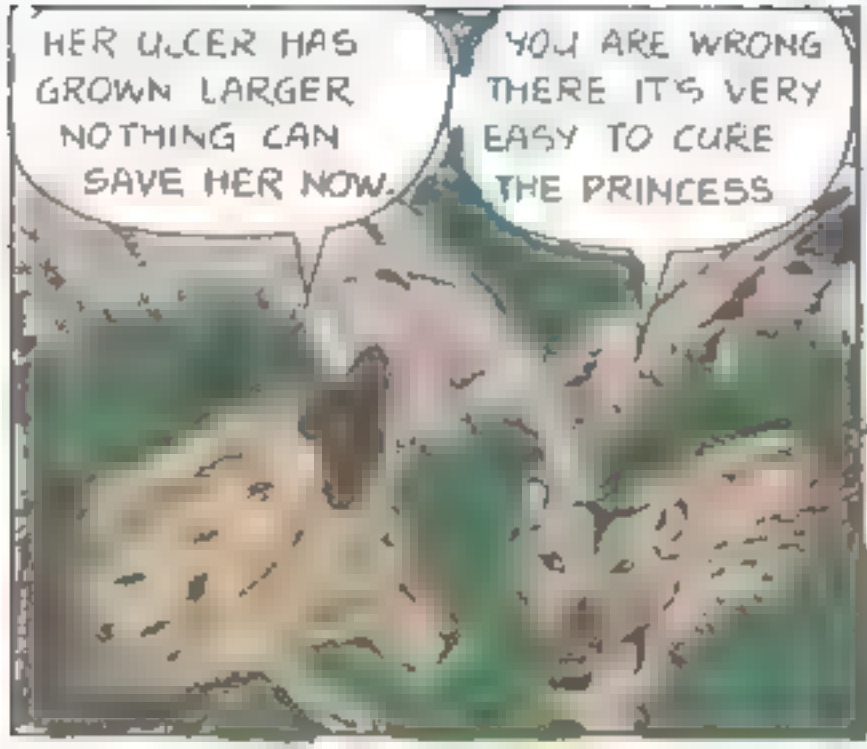


GROWWL...OW...



BALARAJU KNEW THE LANGUAGE OF
ANIMALS. HE CREPT CLOSER TO LISTEN TO
WHAT THE JACKAL AND THE HYENA WERE
SAYING.





HER ULCER HAS GROWN LARGER. NOTHING CAN SAVE HER NOW.

YOU ARE WRONG THERE IT'S VERY EASY TO CURE THE PRINCESS



ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS APPLY THE PASTE OF CERTAIN LEAVES ON THAT ULCER.

WHAT LEAVES ?



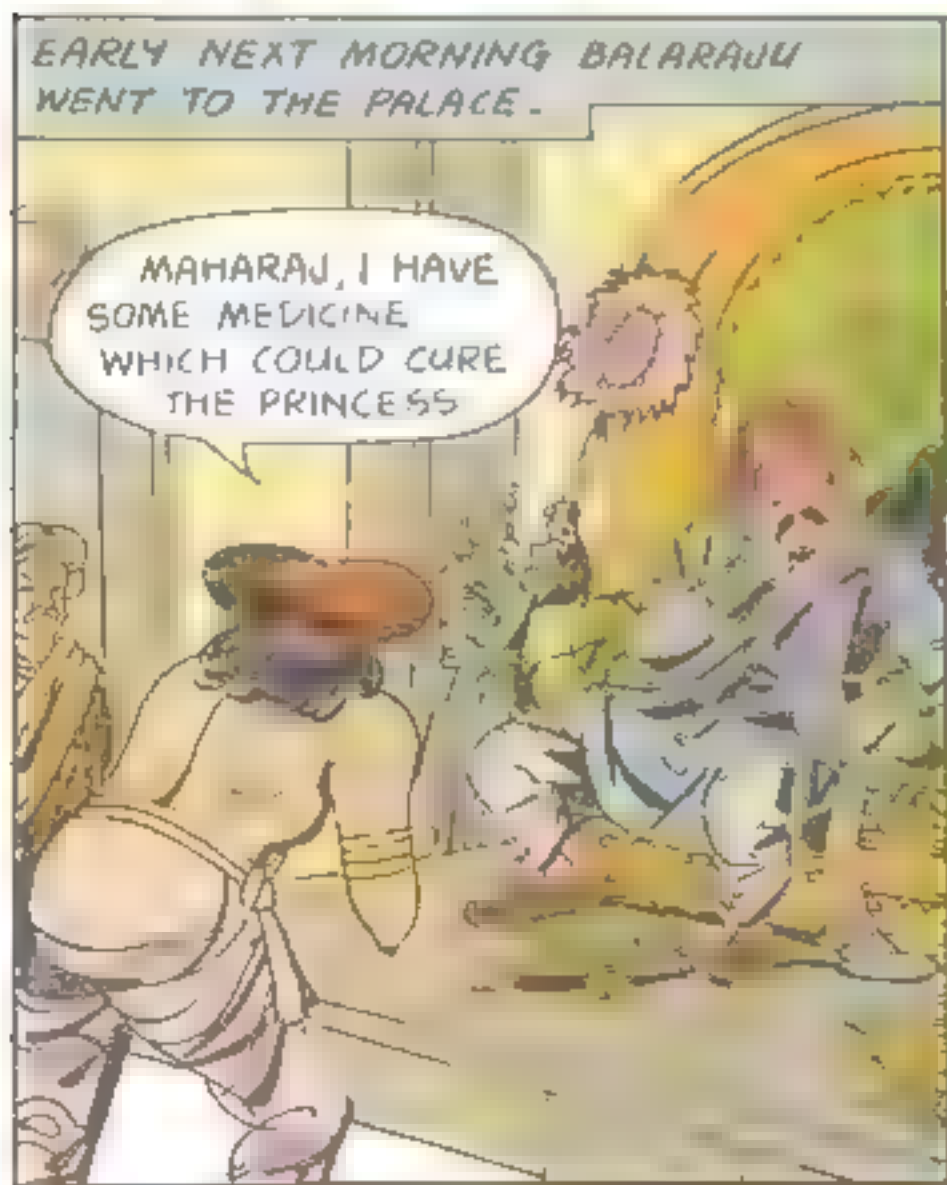
THE LEAVES OF THE SANJIVANI PLANT. IT GROWS ON TOP OF THAT TEMPLE.

OH!



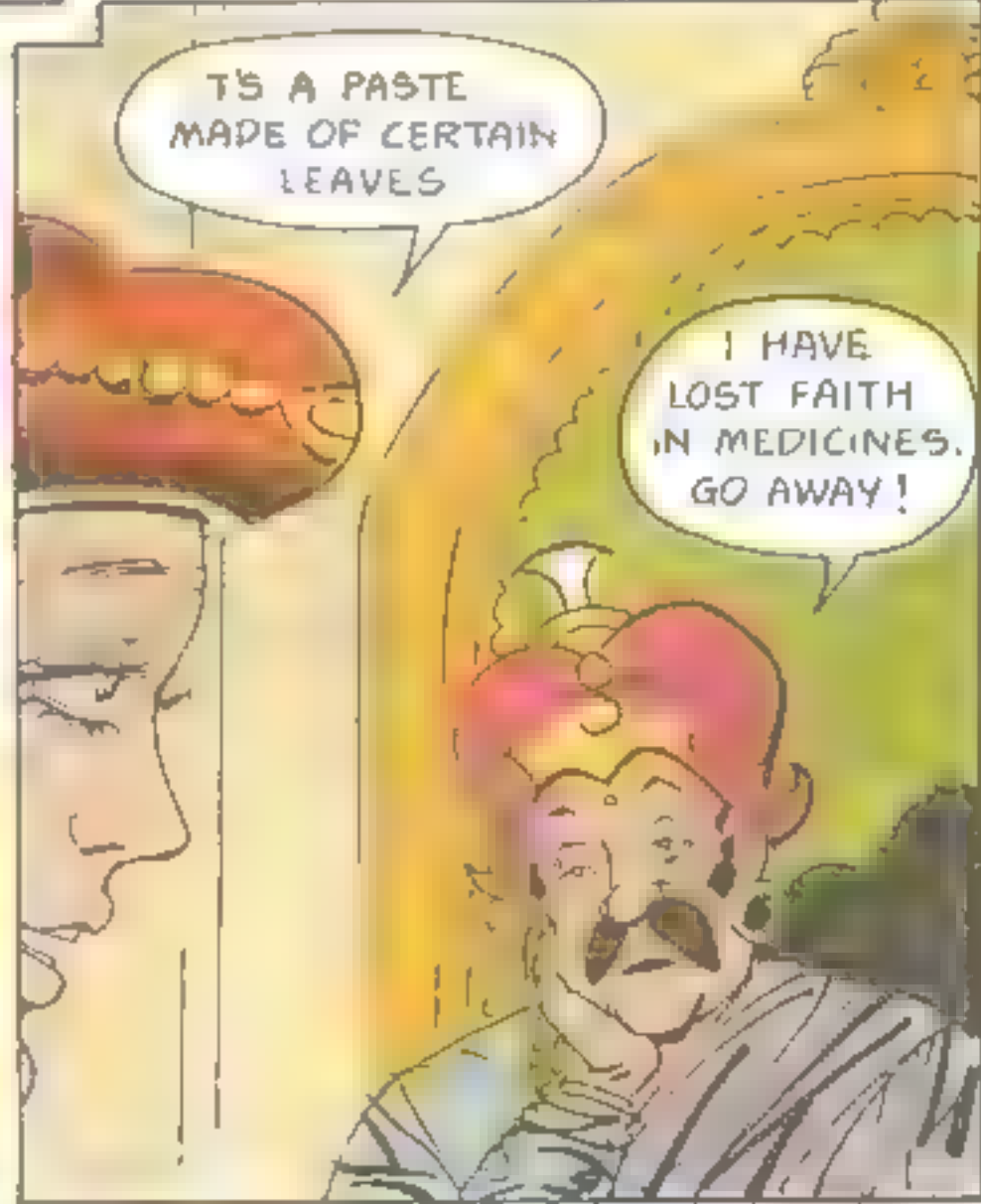
BUT PLEASE KEEP THIS TO YOURSELF. IT'S A SECRET.

YOU CAN TRUST ME.



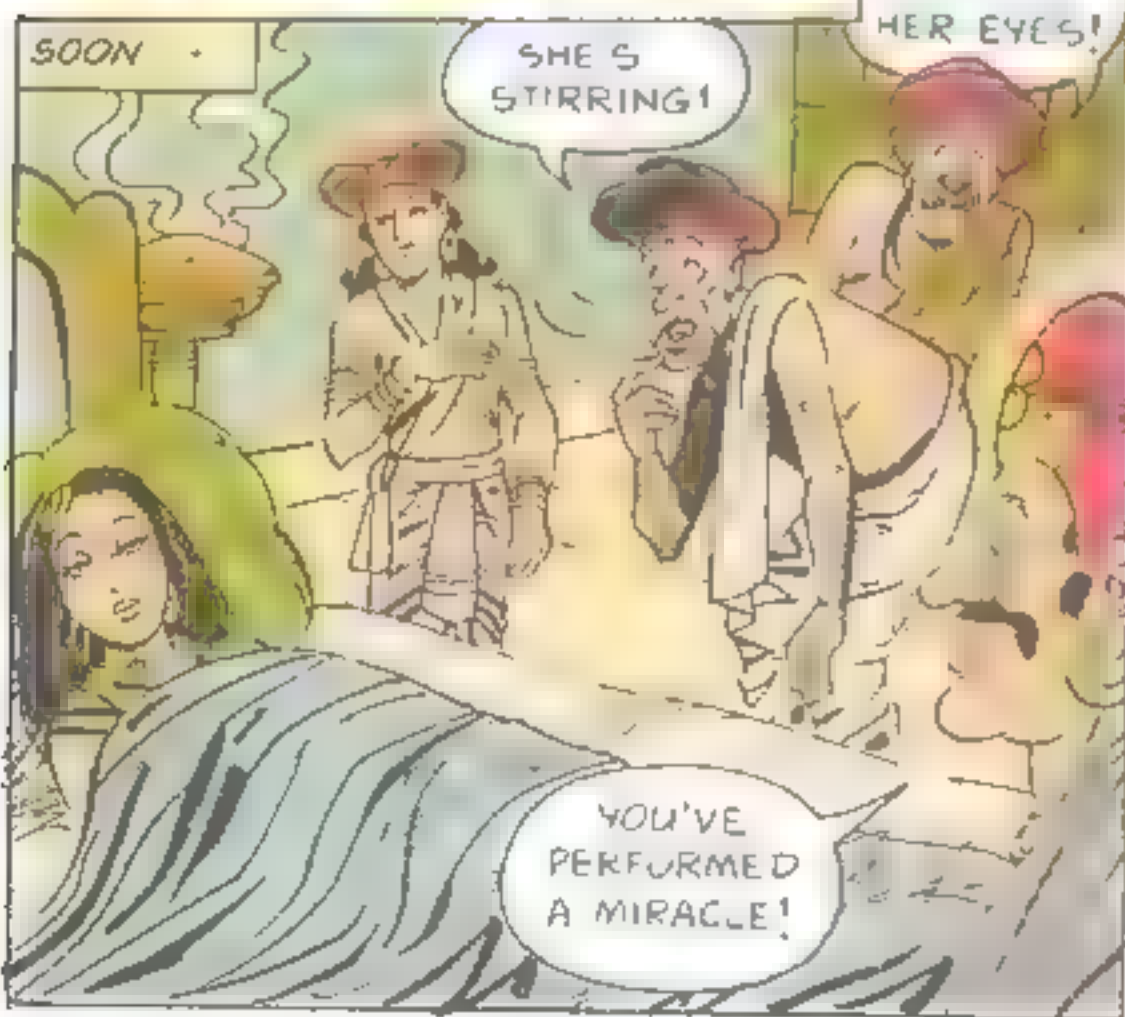
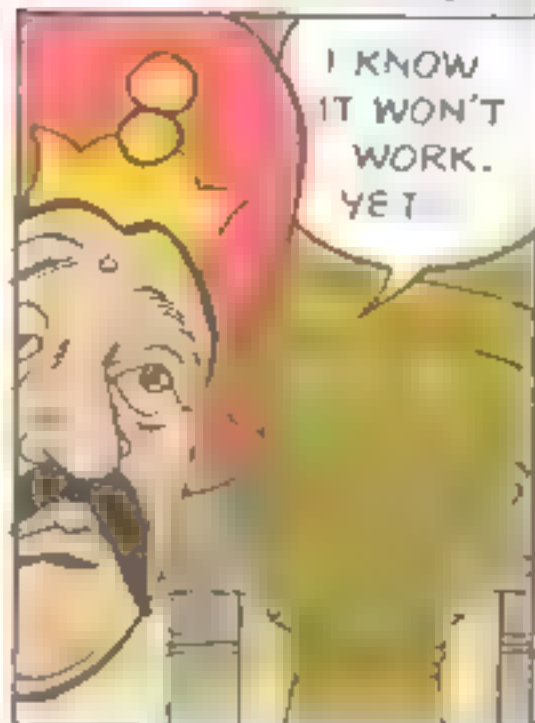
EARLY NEXT MORNING BALARAJU WENT TO THE PALACE.

MAHARAJ, I HAVE SOME MEDICINE WHICH COULD CURE THE PRINCESS



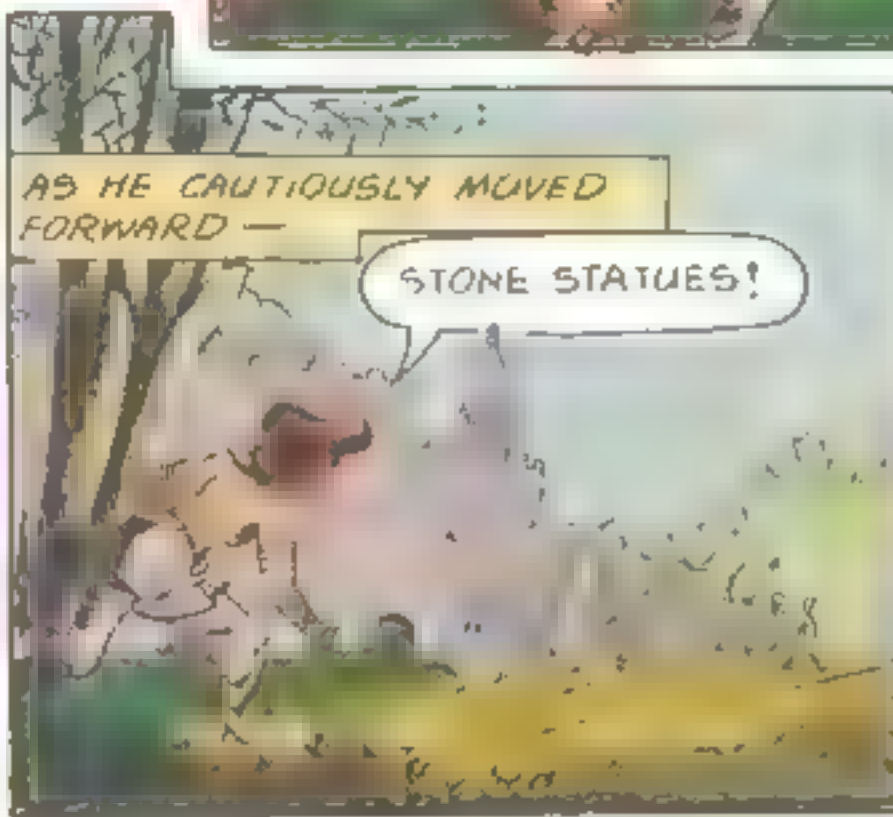
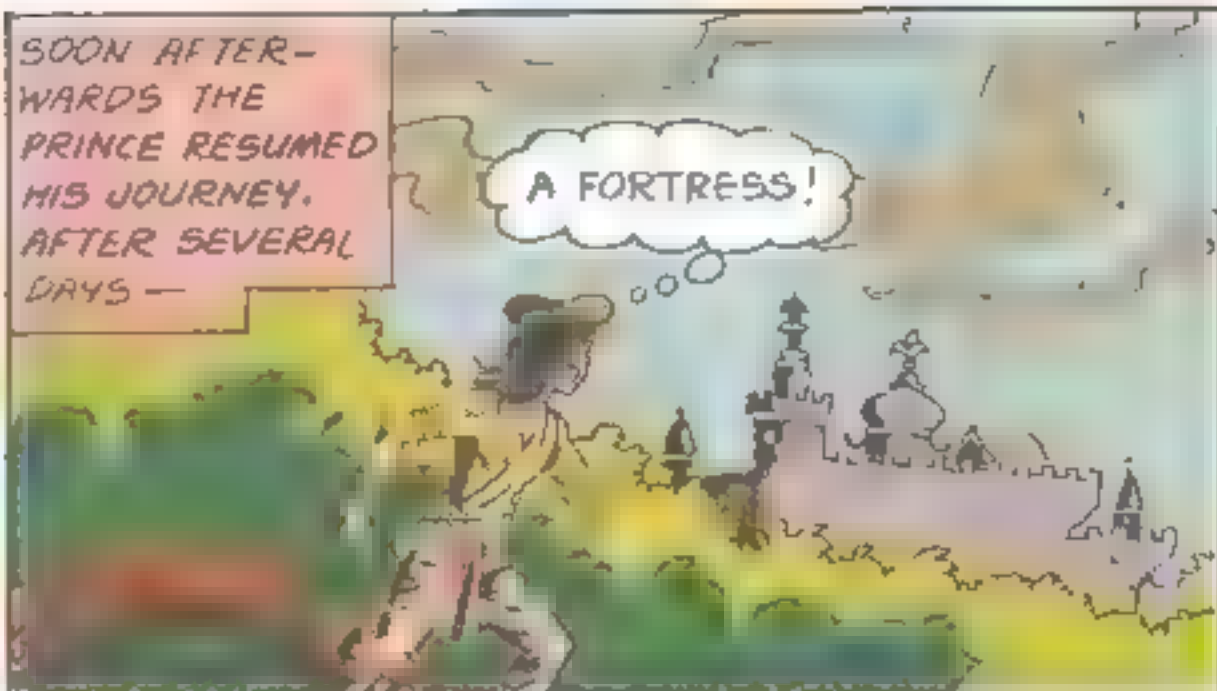
IT'S A PASTE MADE OF CERTAIN LEAVES

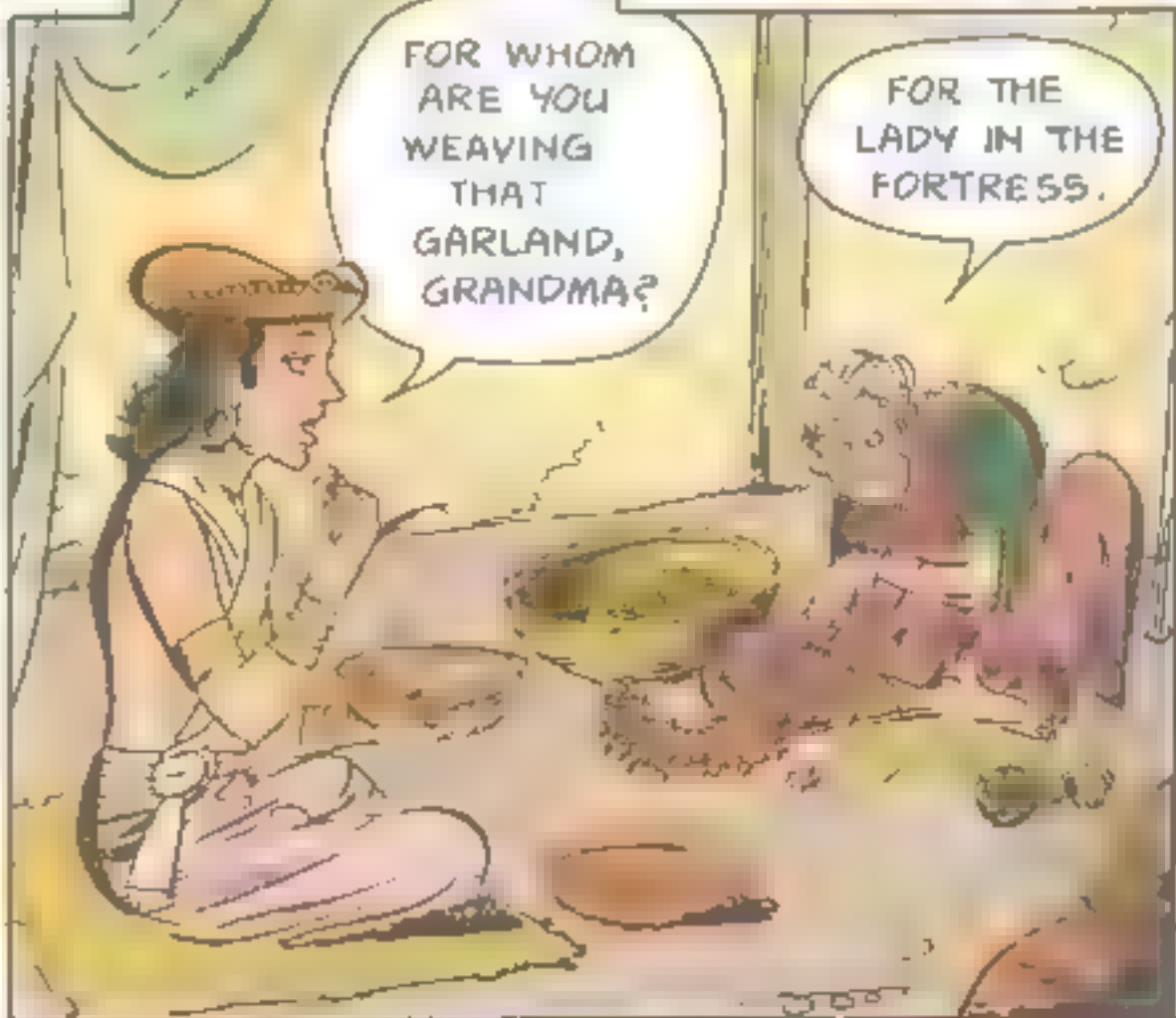
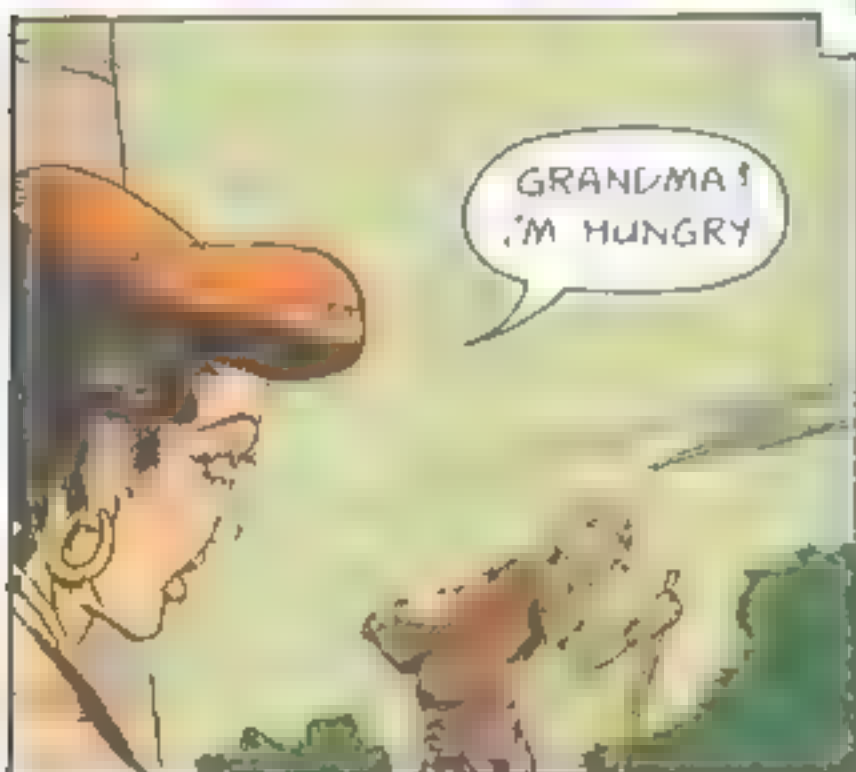
I HAVE LOST FAITH IN MEDICINES. GO AWAY!

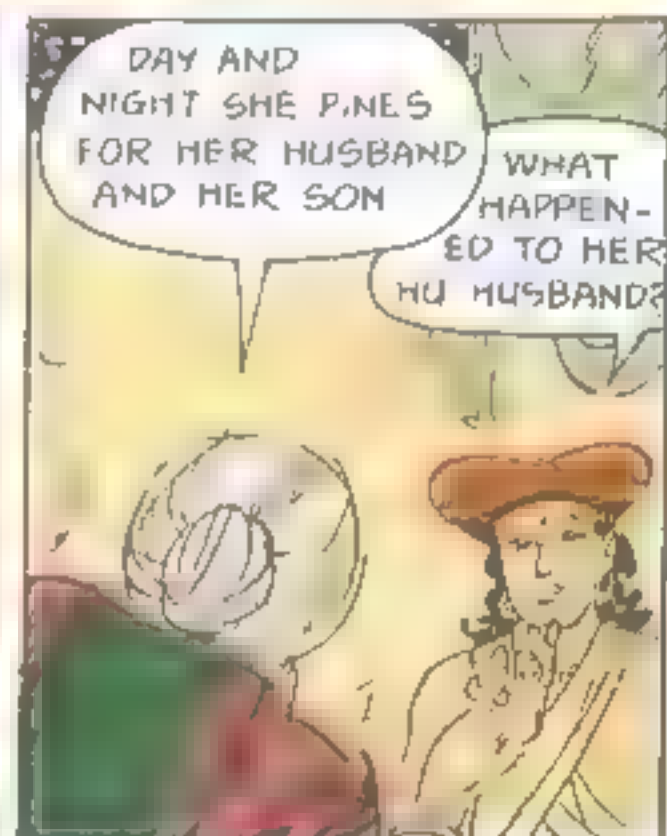
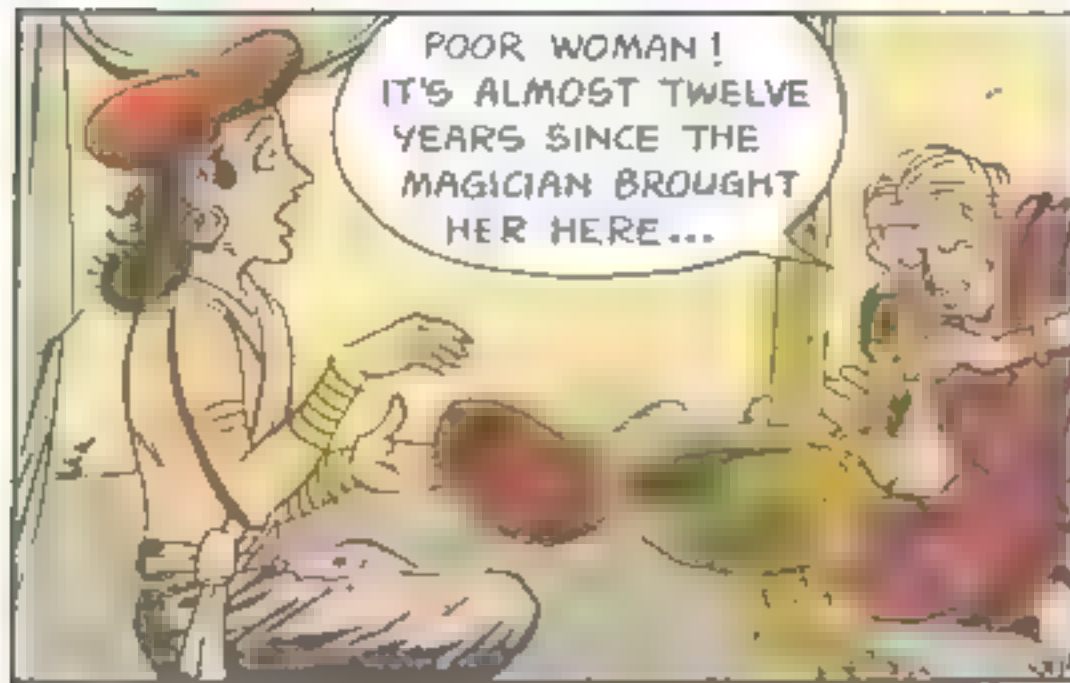




SOON AFTERWARDS THE PRINCE RESUMED HIS JOURNEY. AFTER SEVERAL DAYS —









YOU LOOK PALE,
CHILD ARE YOU
ILL?



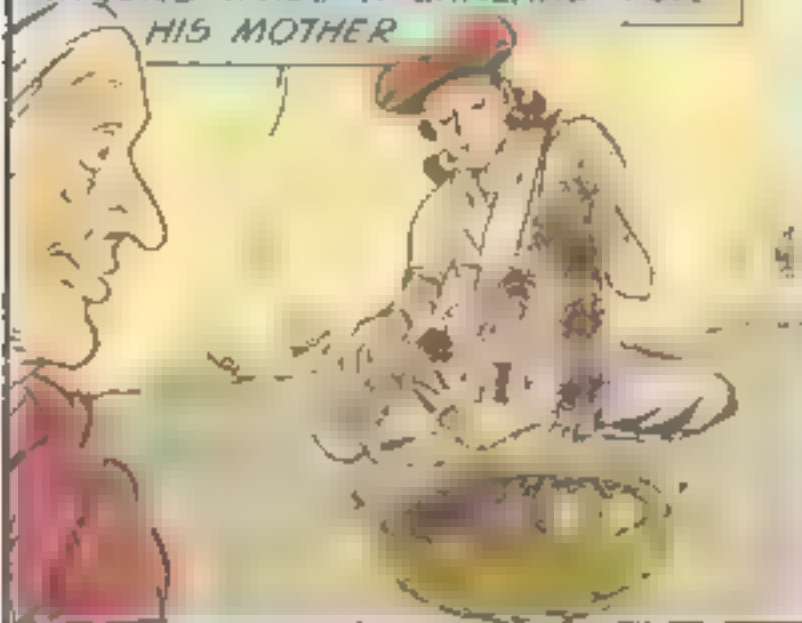
NO! NO!
GRANDMA,
WILL YOU
LET ME
STAY
HERE?



I'LL HELP YOU
WEAVE GARLANDS.
I'M VERY
GOOD AT IT

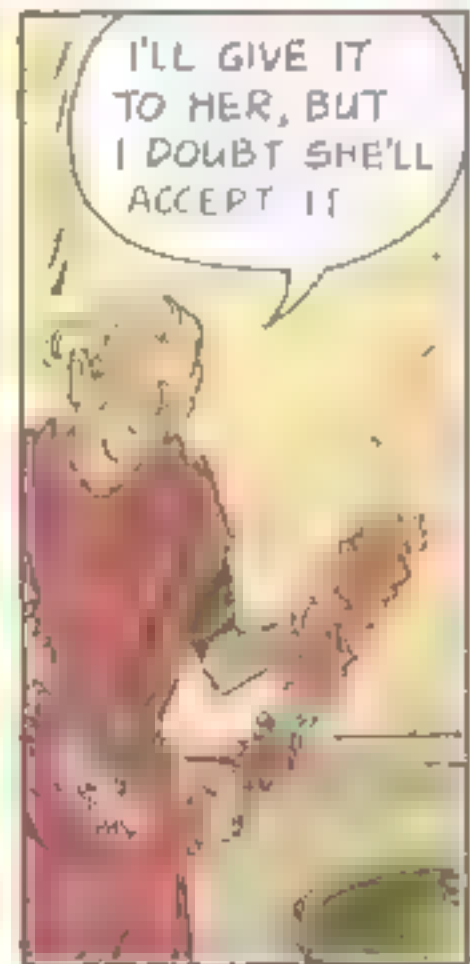
ALL RIGHT.
I COULD DO
WITH SOME
HELP

BALARAJU IMMEDIATELY SET TO
WORK. AND WITH TREMBLING
FINGERS MADE A GARLAND FOR
HIS MOTHER



PLEASE GIVE
THIS TO THE
LADY

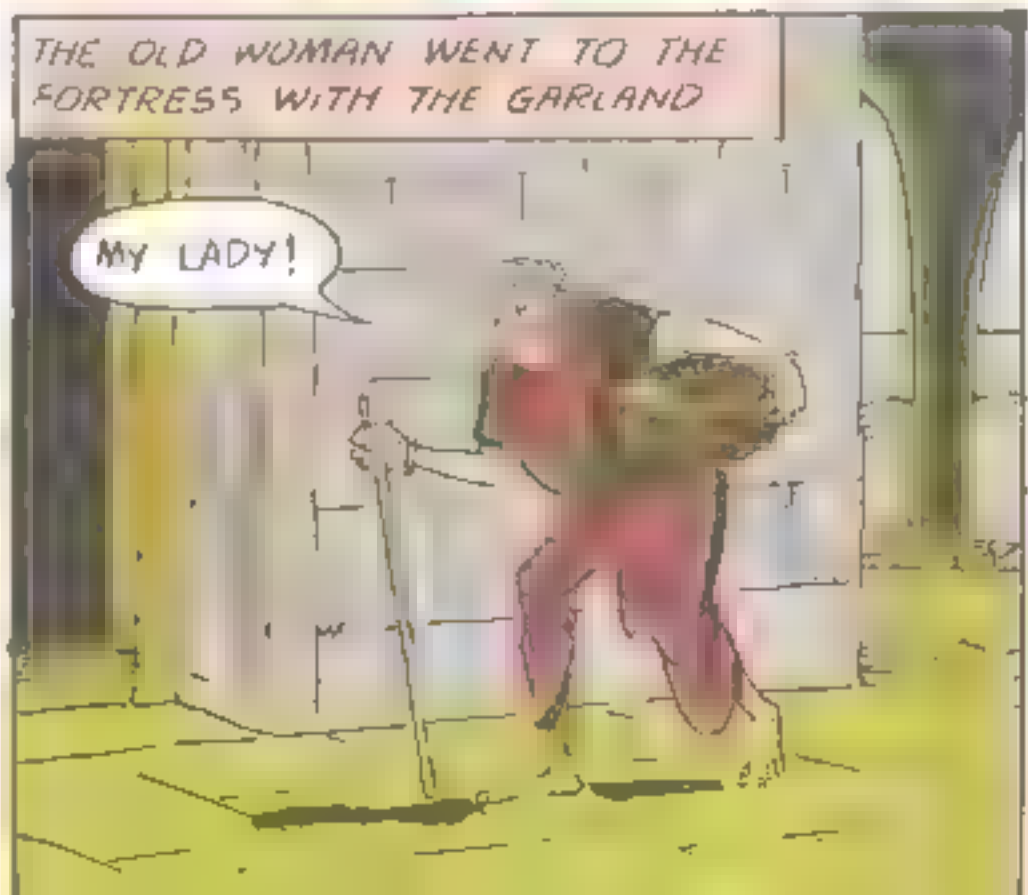
IT'S
BEAUTIFUL!



I'LL GIVE IT
TO HER, BUT
I DOUBT SHE'LL
ACCEPT IT

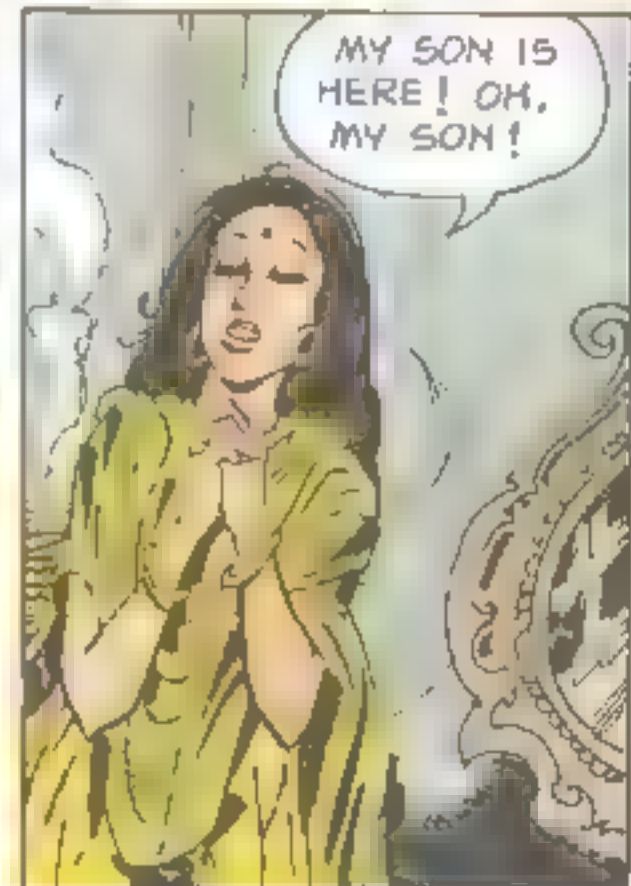
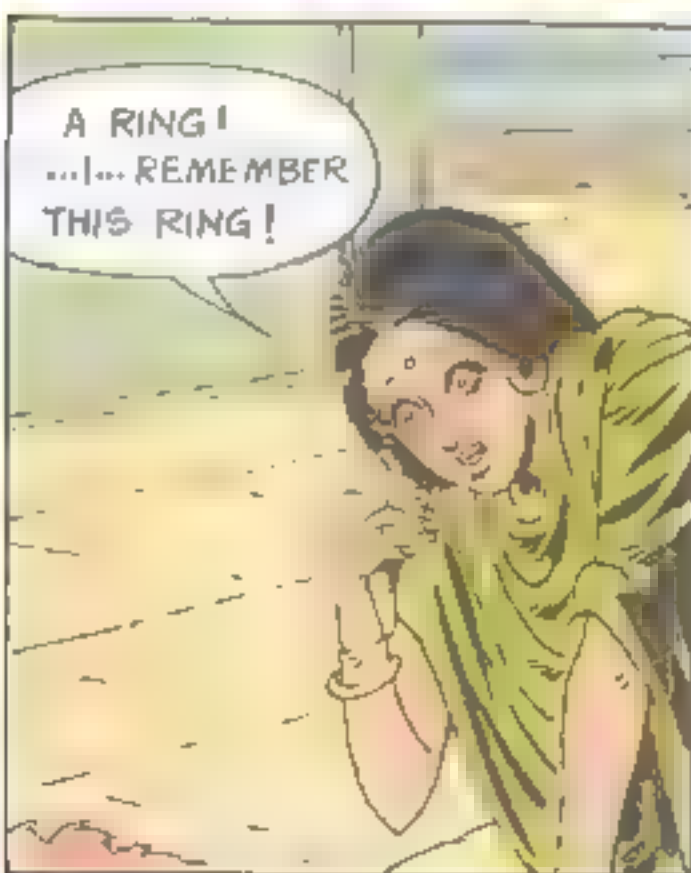
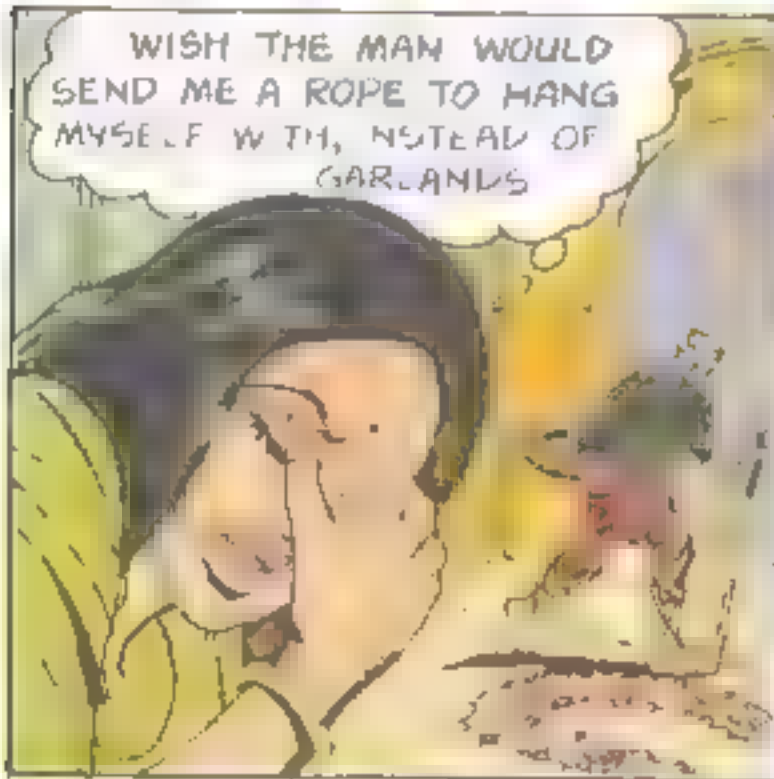
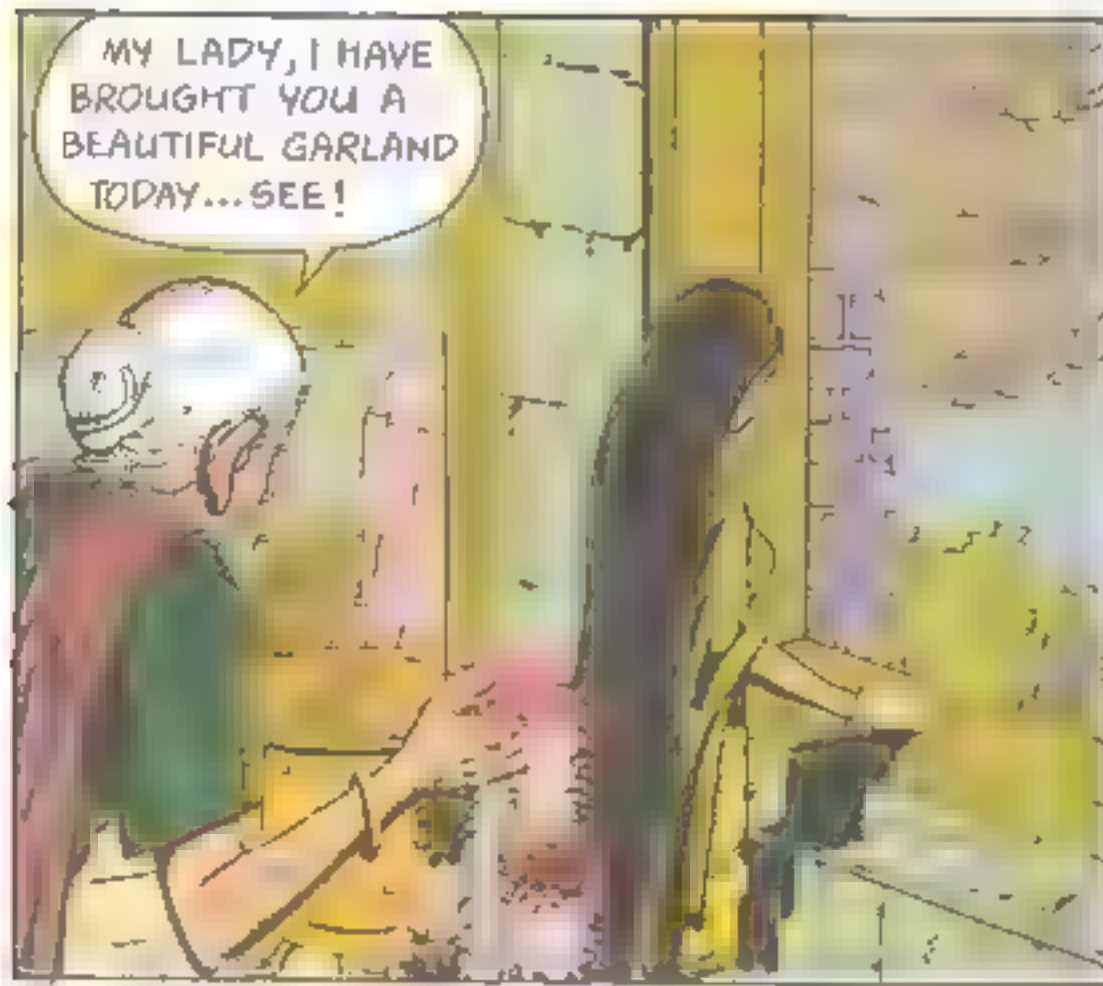


SHE HASN'T
ACCEPTED A
SINGLE ONE
ALL THESE
YEARS. SHE
WANTS NOTHING
FROM THE
MAGICIAN



THE OLD WOMAN WENT TO THE
FORTRESS WITH THE GARLAND

MY LADY!



MEANWHILE BALARAJU HAD BEEN EAGERLY WAITING FOR THE OLD WOMAN TO RETURN. WHEN HE SAW HER —

DID SHE ACCEPT THE GARLAND?

ER .NO.

DON'T GET ANGRY, SON. SHE DESERVES OUR SYMPATHY. SHE HAS ONLY A FEW DAYS LEFT TO HER.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

WHEN THE MAGICIAN BROUGHT HER HERE, SHE REFUSED TO MARRY HIM.

BUT WHEN SHE REALISED THAT HE WOULD MARRY HER BY FORCE SHE AGREED TO MARRY HIM—AFTER TWELVE YEARS

THE TWELVE YEARS ARE ALMOST UP. ONLY A FEW DAYS ARE LEFT.

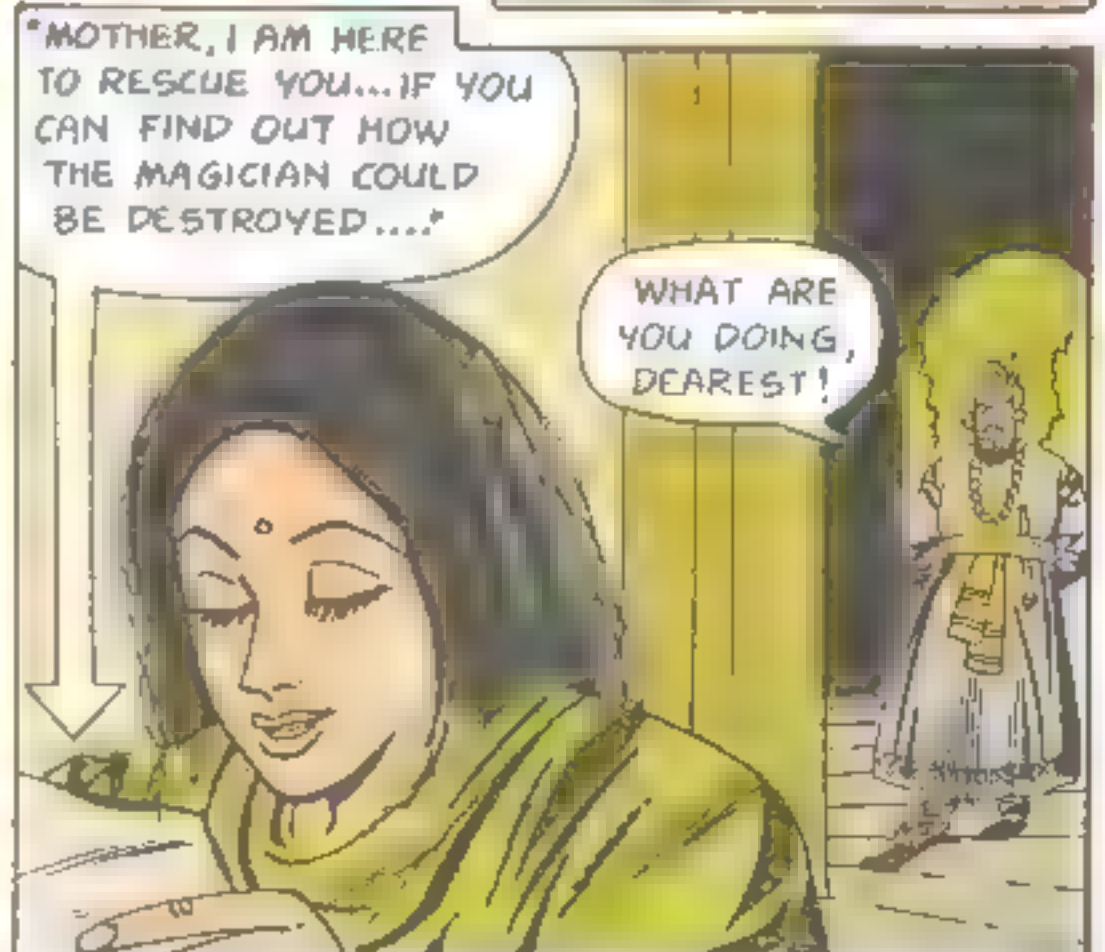
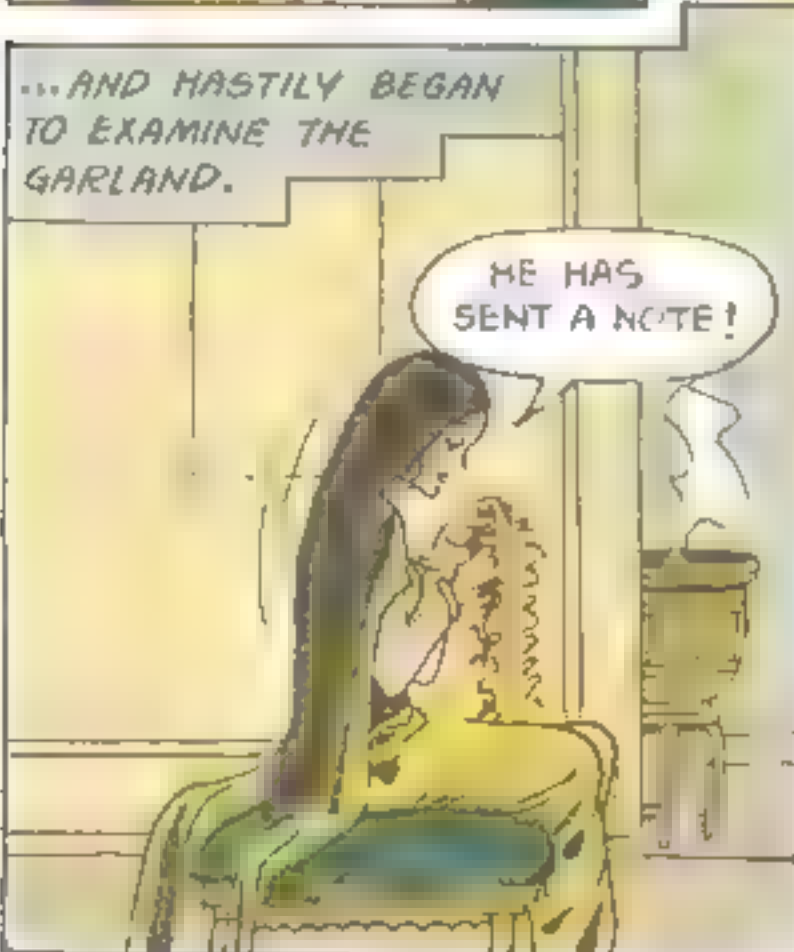
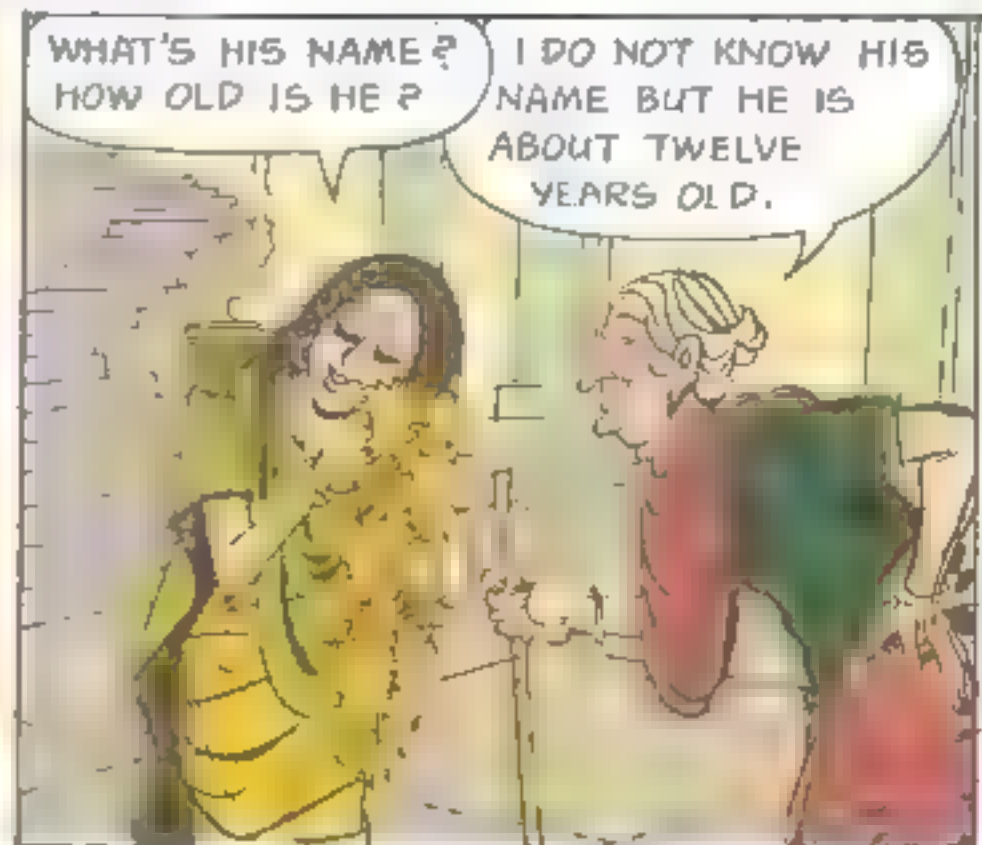
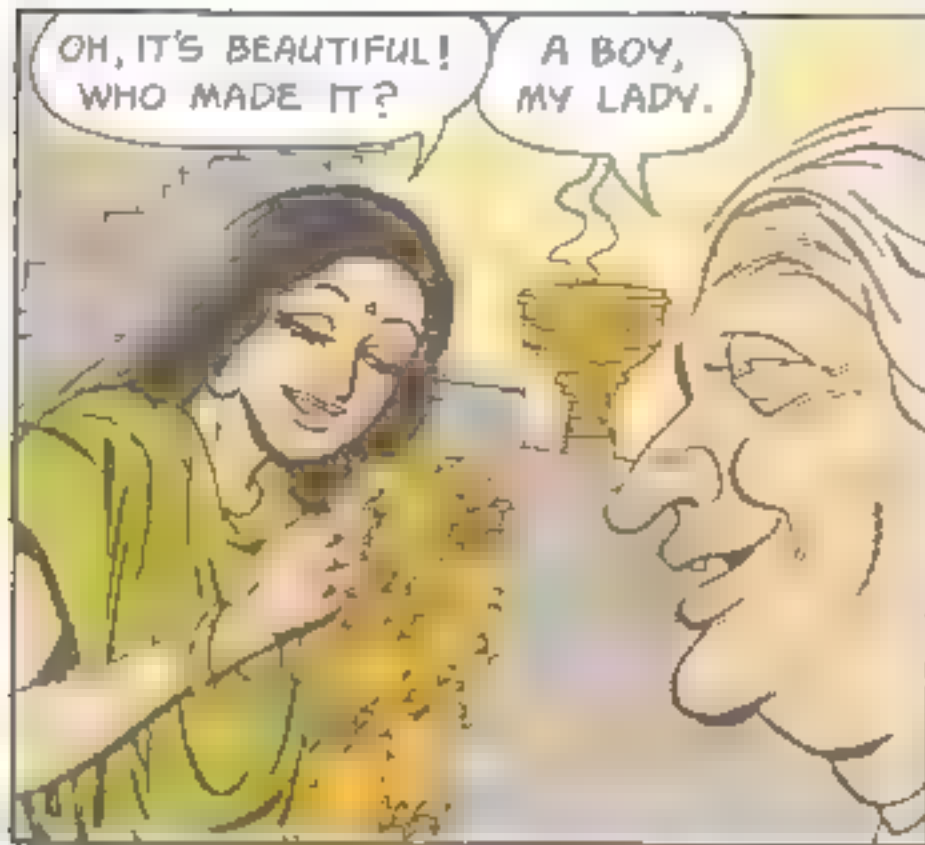
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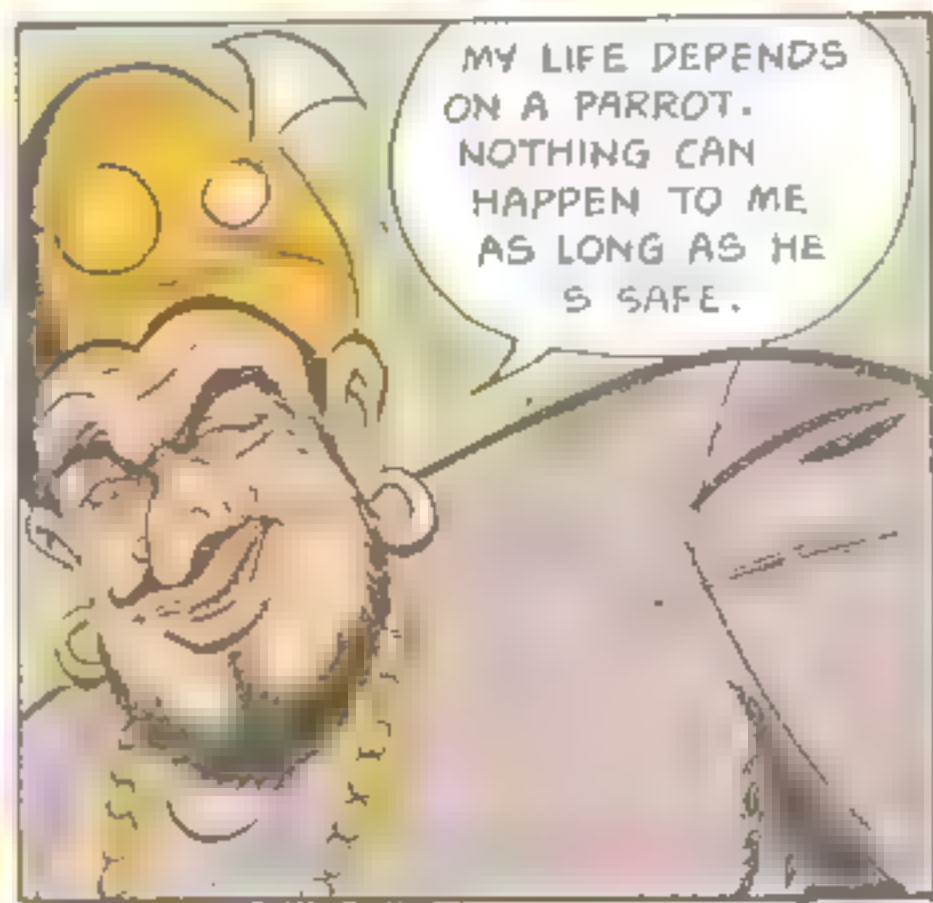
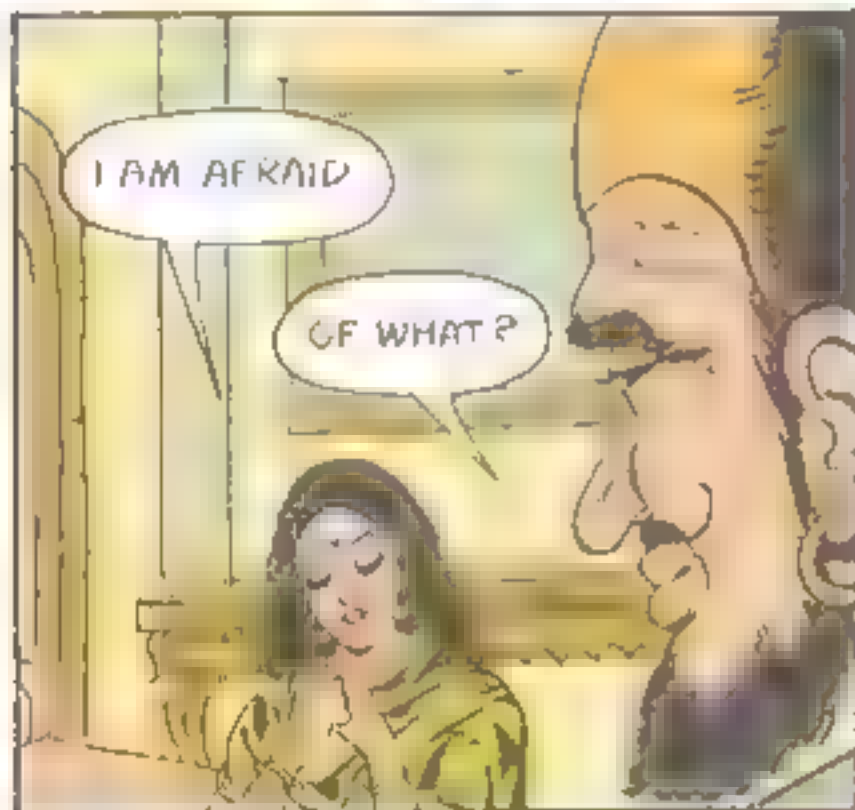
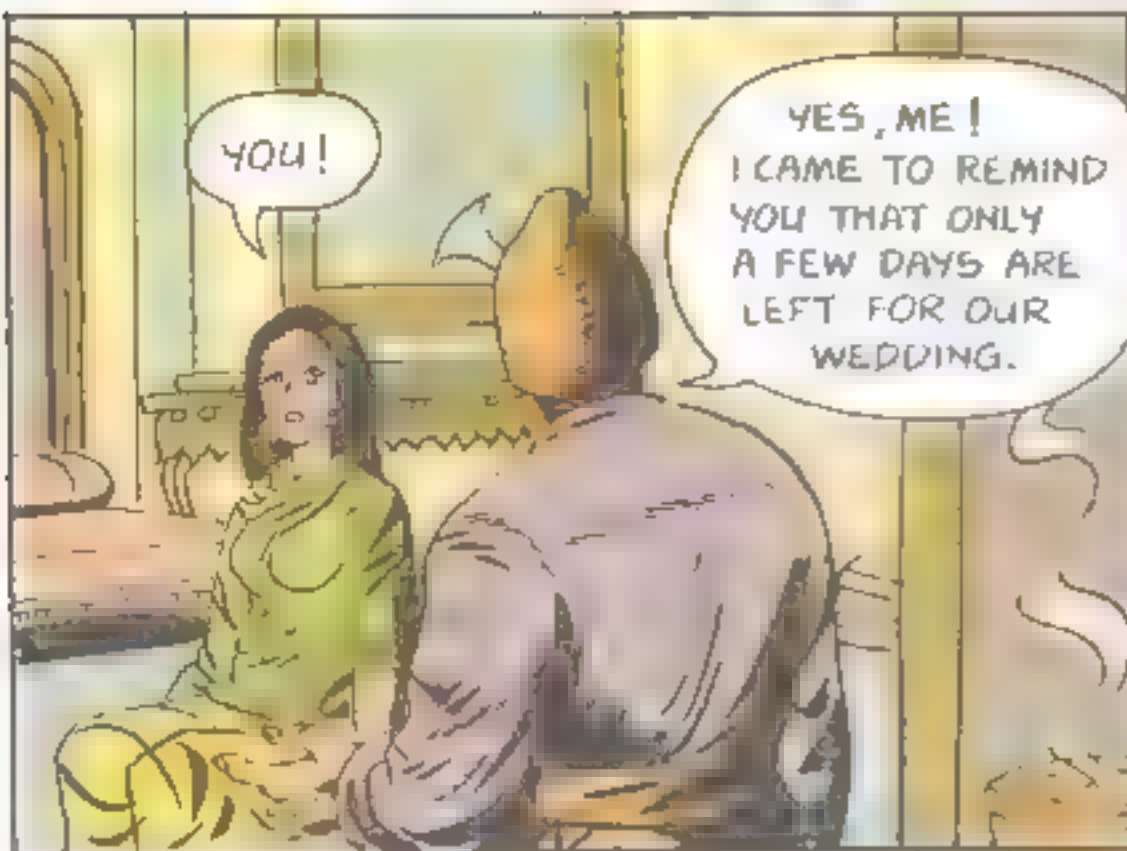
WHEN THE OLD WOMAN WENT TO THE FORTRESS THE NEXT MORNING, TO HER SURPRISE BALA NAGAMMA WAS EAGERLY WAITING FOR HER!

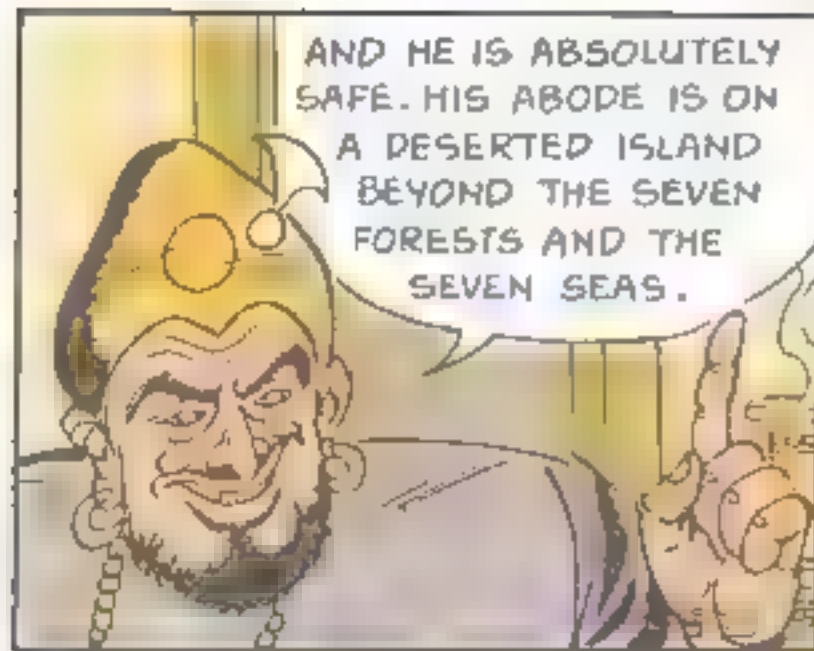
HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME A GARLAND?

OF COURSE, MY LADY!

HERE!



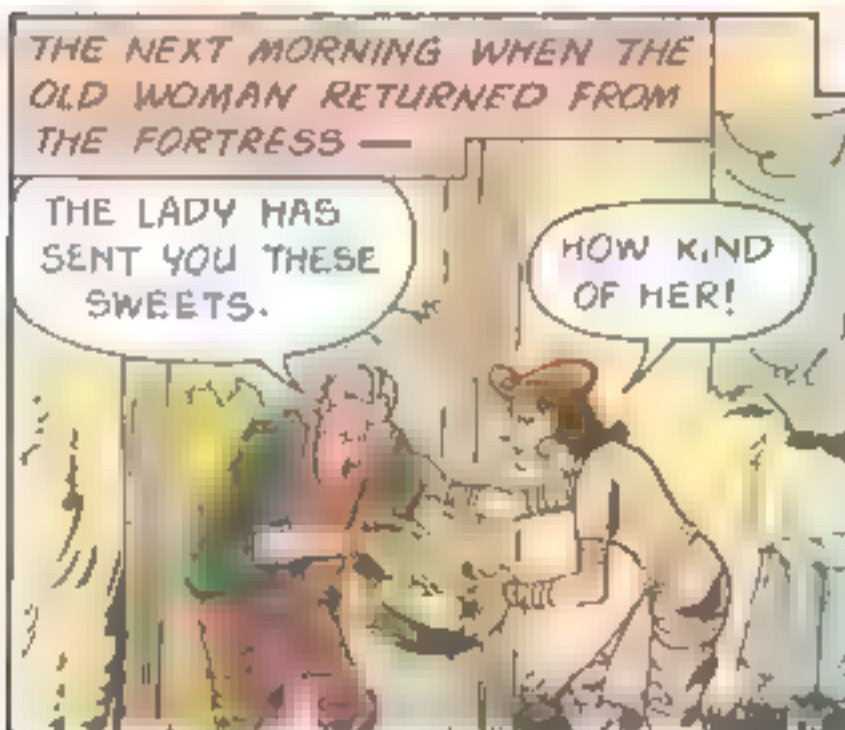




AND HE IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE. HIS ABODE IS ON A DESERTED ISLAND BEYOND THE SEVEN FORESTS AND THE SEVEN SEAS.



SO SET YOUR MIND AT REST. I SHALL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE. HAHHAH!



THE NEXT MORNING WHEN THE OLD WOMAN RETURNED FROM THE FORTRESS —

THE LADY HAS SENT YOU THESE SWEETS.

HOW KIND OF HER!



SHE SEEMS TO HAVE BECOME VERY FOND OF YOU

THERE MUST BE A MESSAGE INSIDE



YES, HERE IT IS!



"HE IS SAFE AS LONG AS THE PARROT WHO DWELLS ON THE ISLAND BEYOND THE SEVEN FORESTS AND THE SEVEN SEAS, IS SAFE"

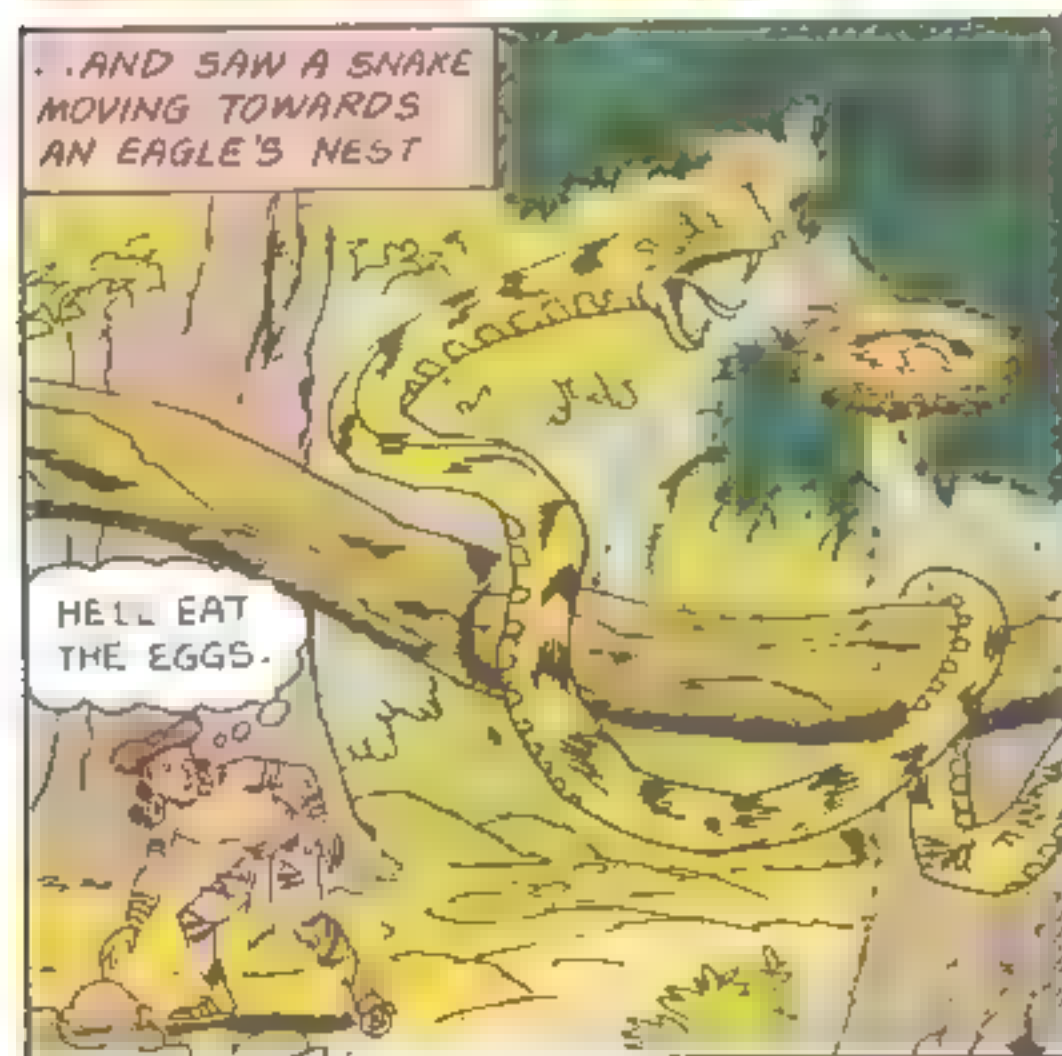


BE CAREFUL, MY SON



GRANDMA, I AM GOING!

WHERE?



AS THE SNAKE FELL, TWO EAGLES SWOOPED DOWN.



WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED. BUT FOR YOU, THE SNAKE WOULD HAVE EATEN OUR EGGS.



IS THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR YOU?

THERE CERTAINLY IS!

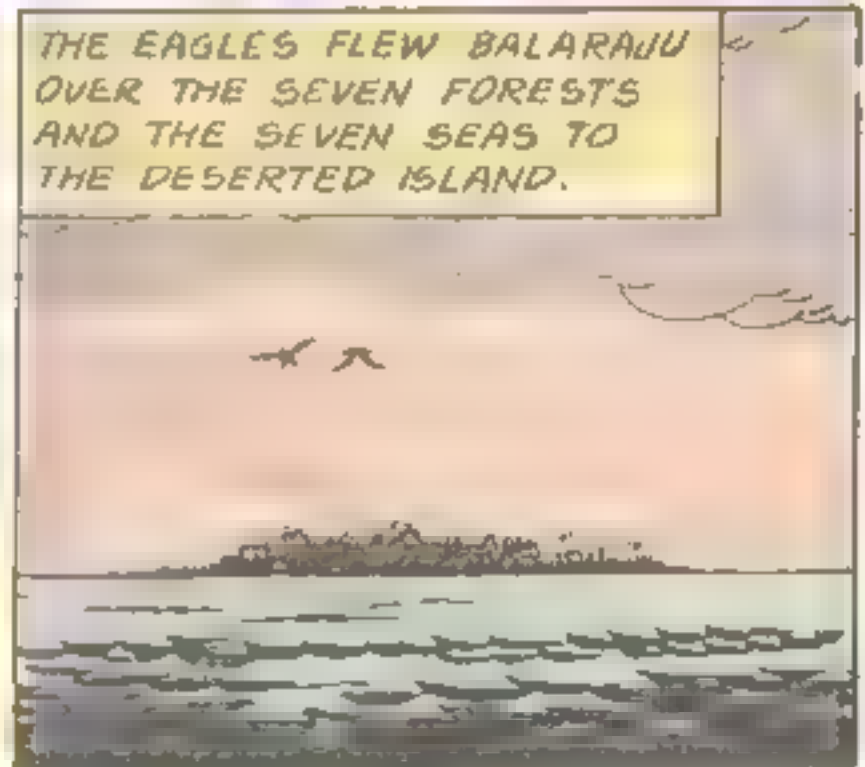


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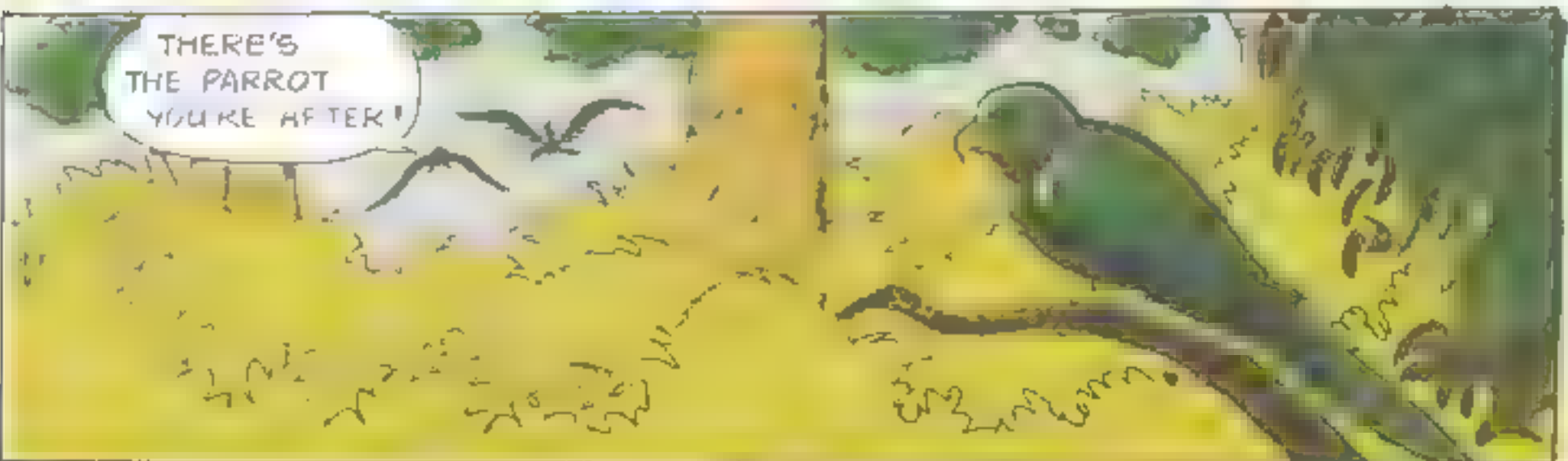
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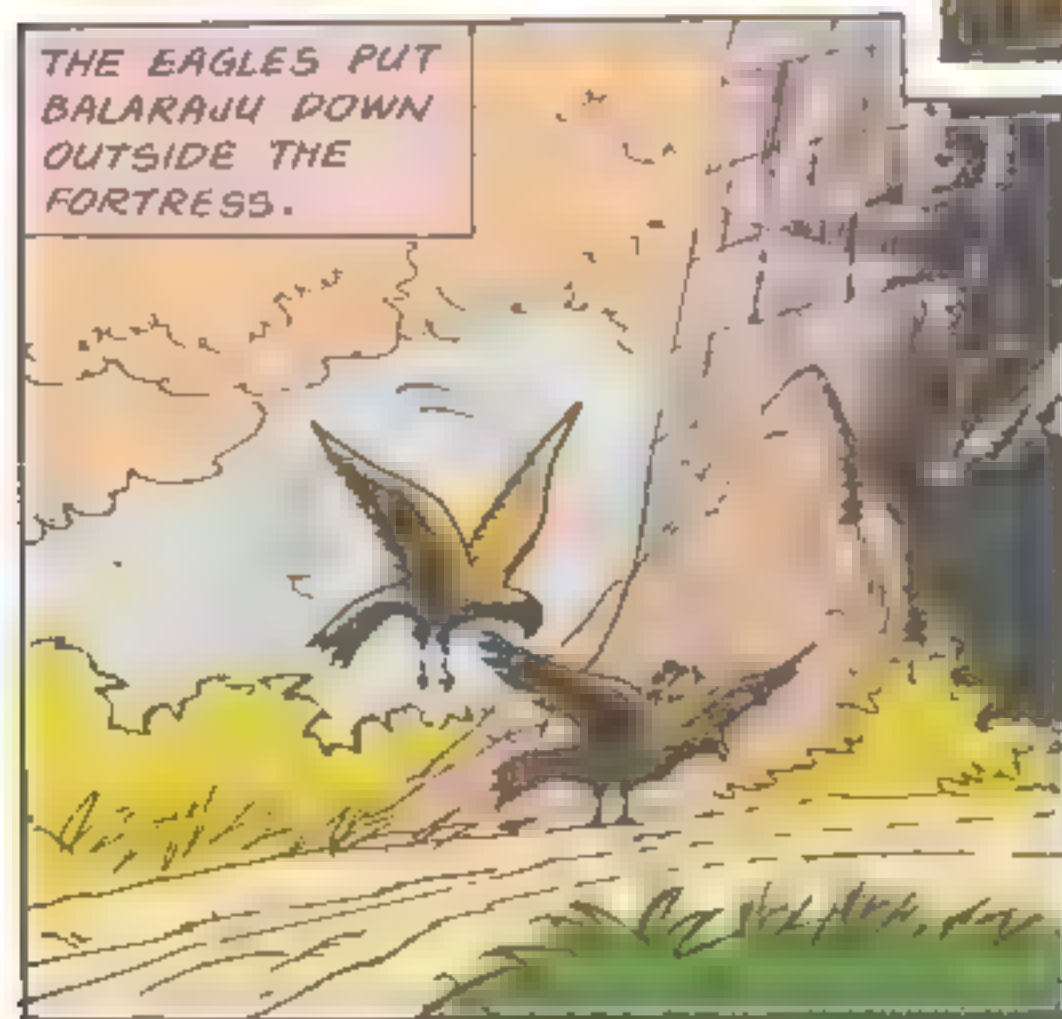
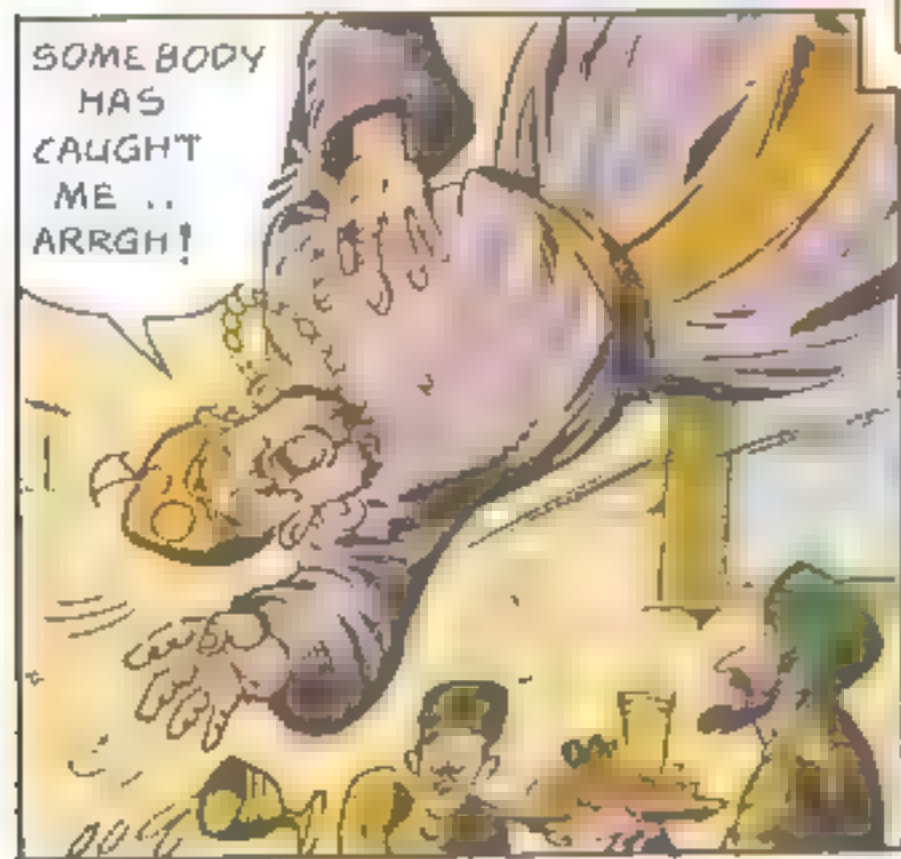
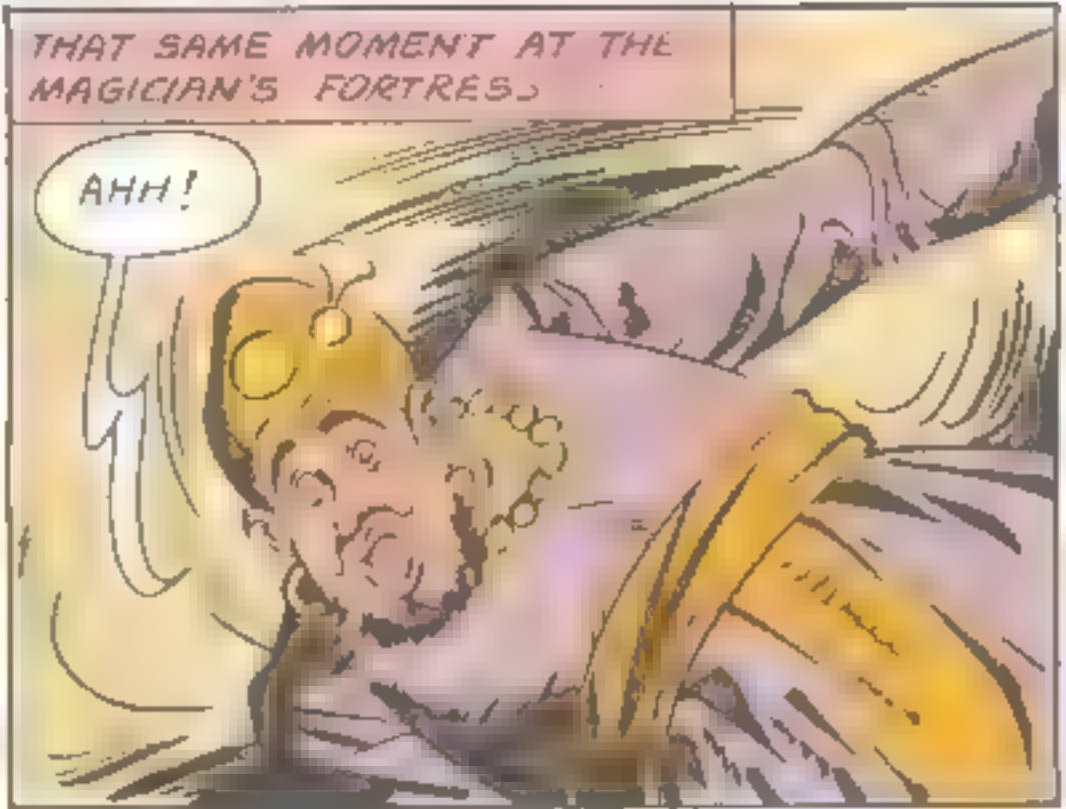


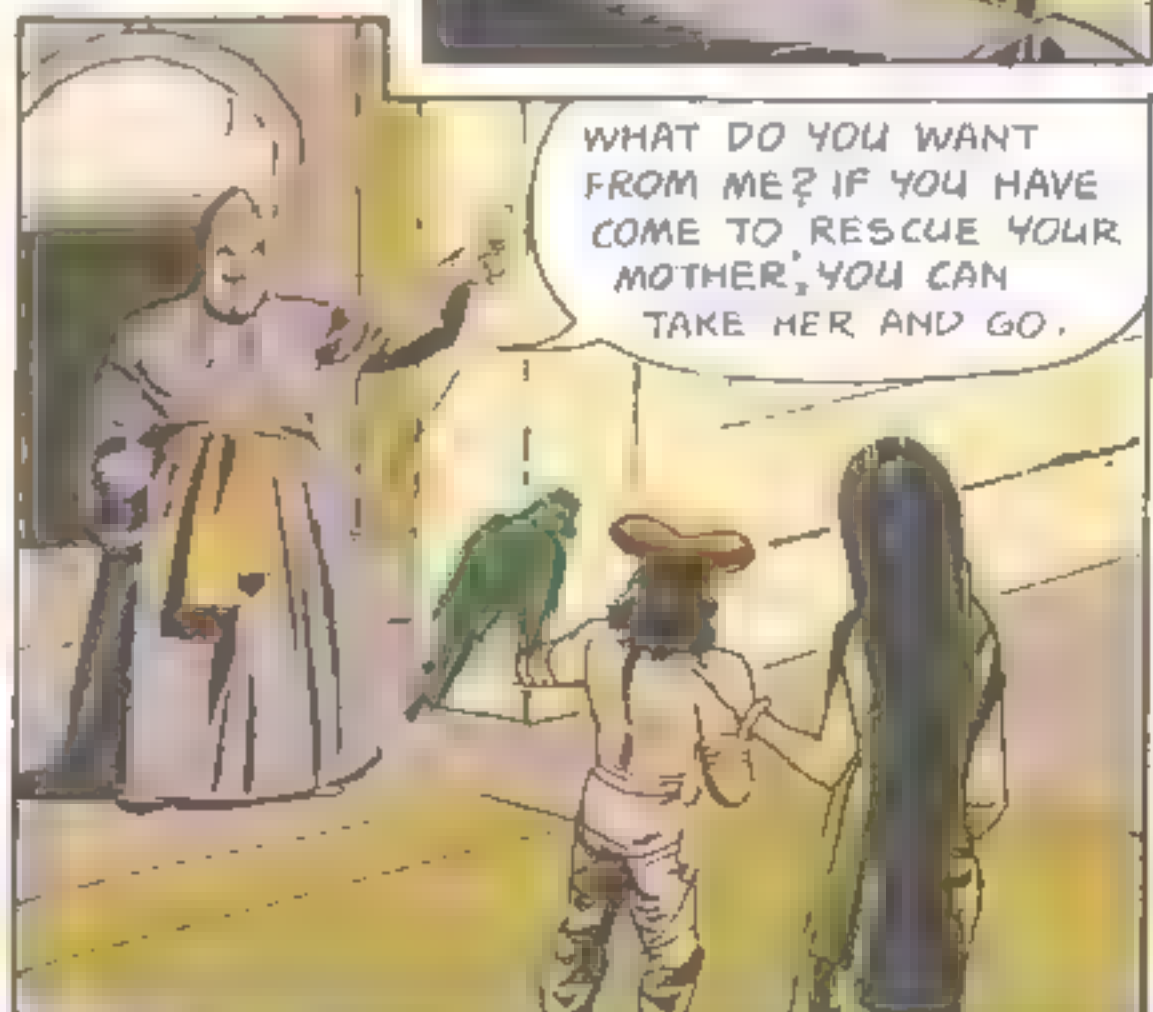
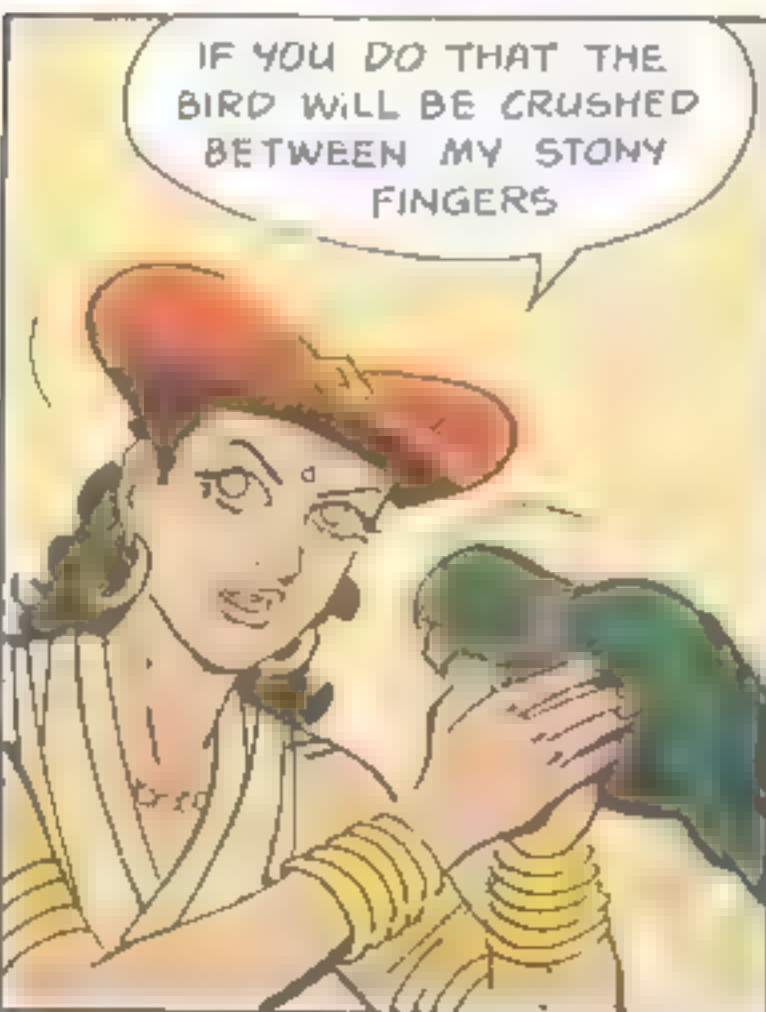
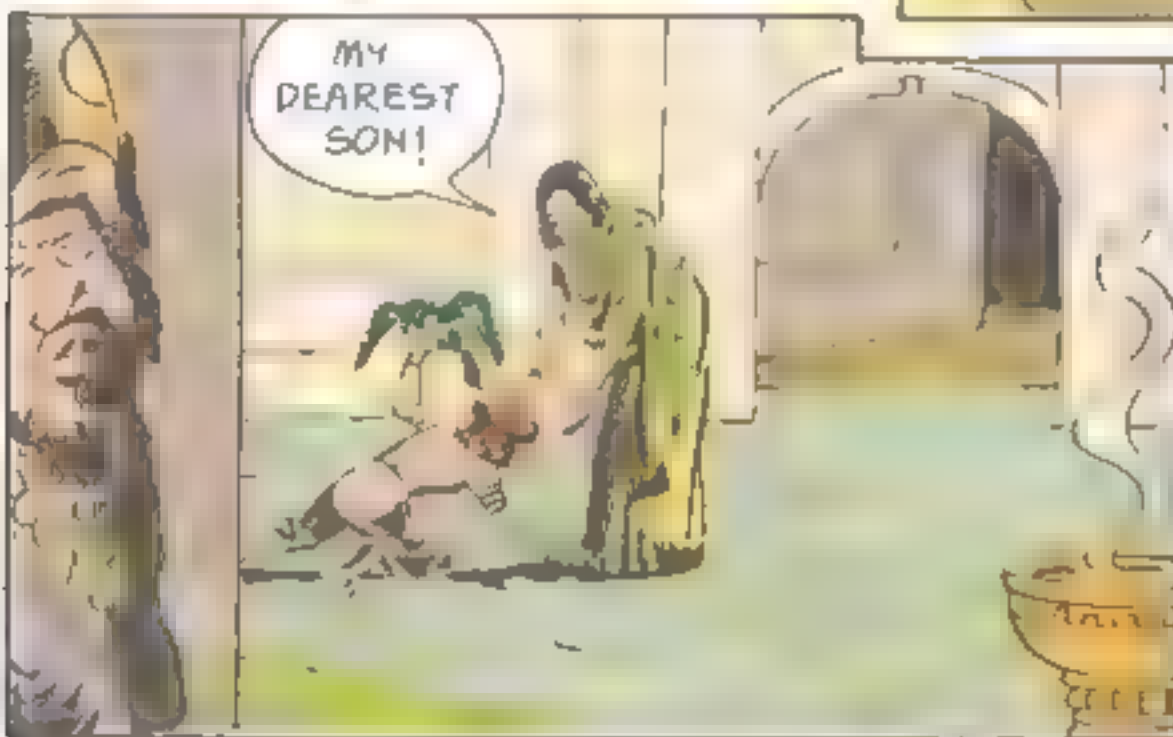
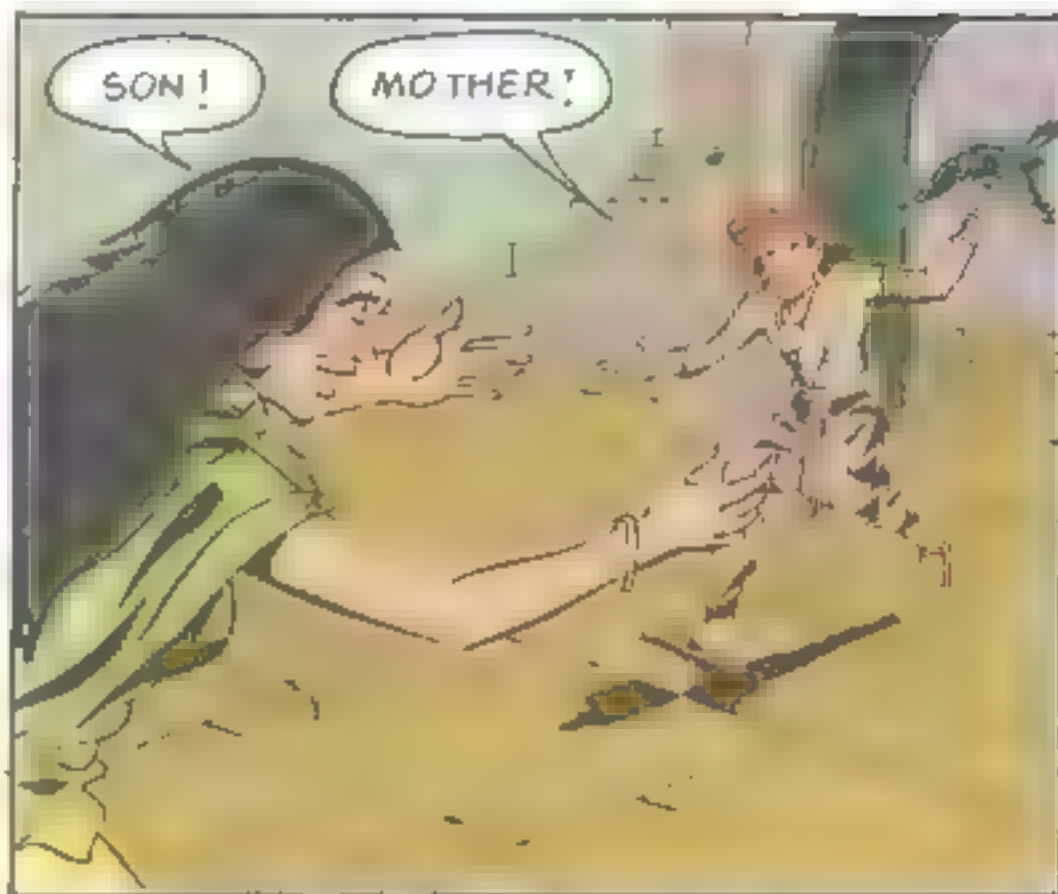
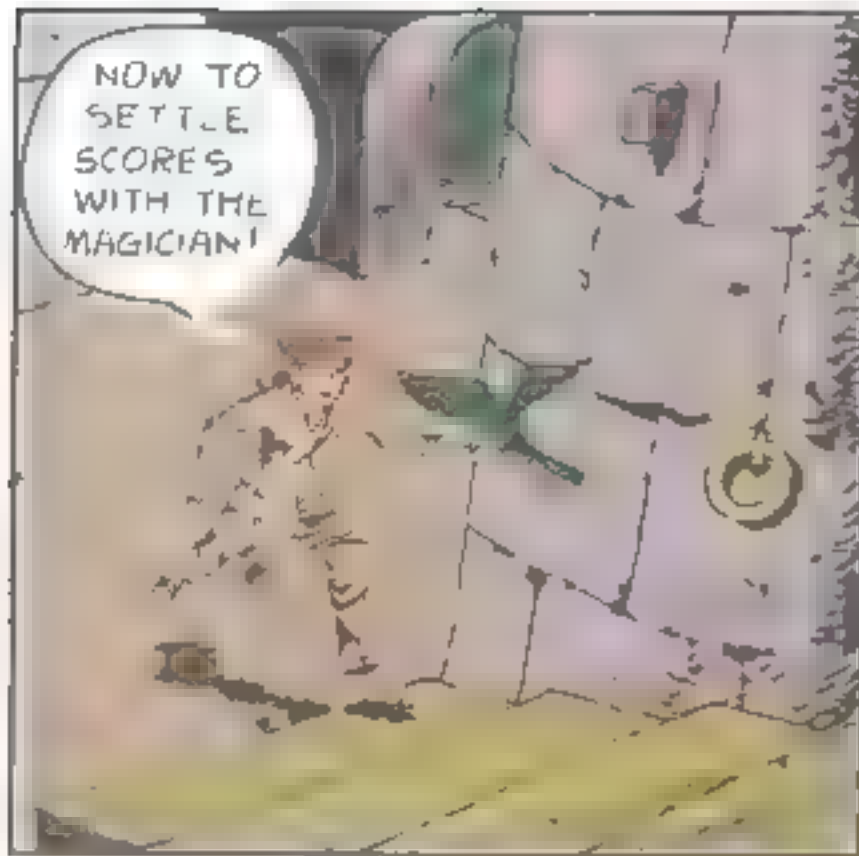
THE EAGLES FLEW BALARAJU OVER THE SEVEN FORESTS AND THE SEVEN SEAS TO THE DESERTED ISLAND.

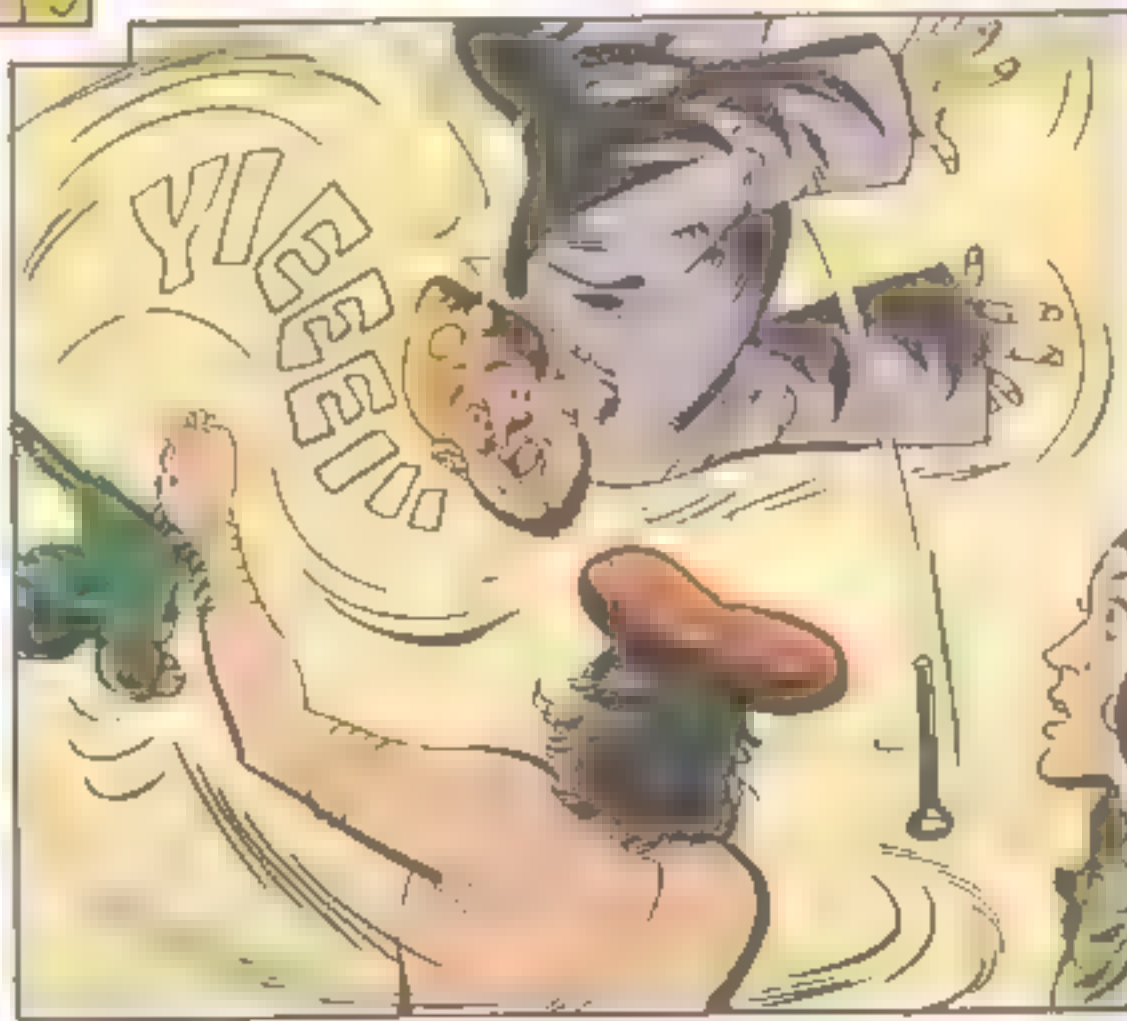
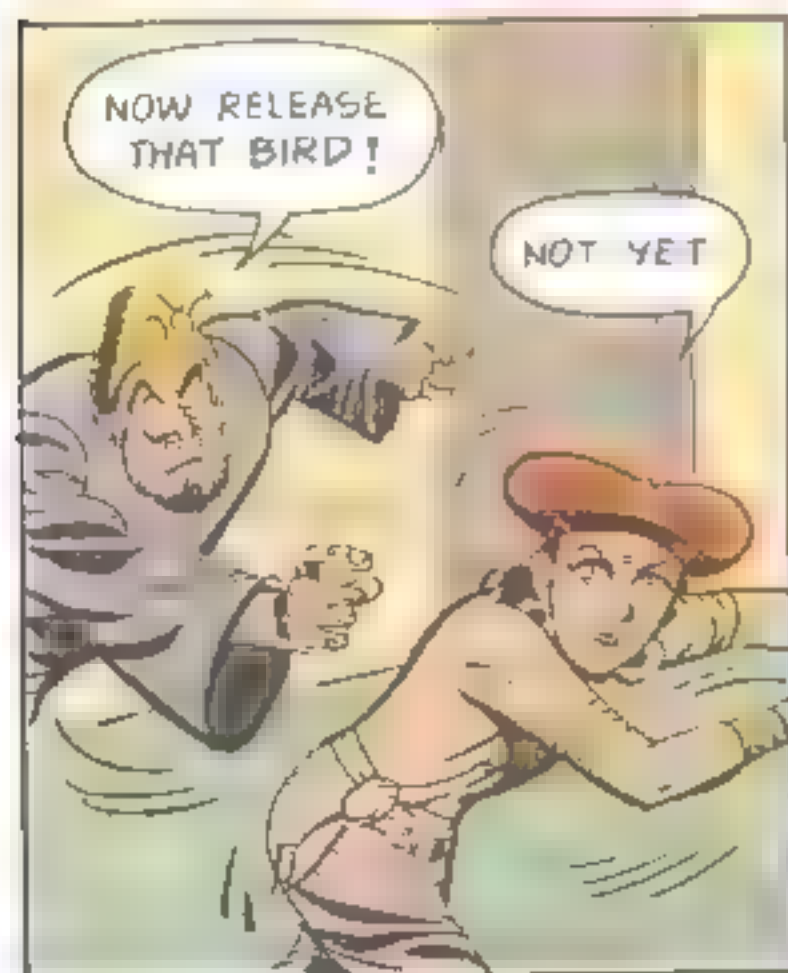
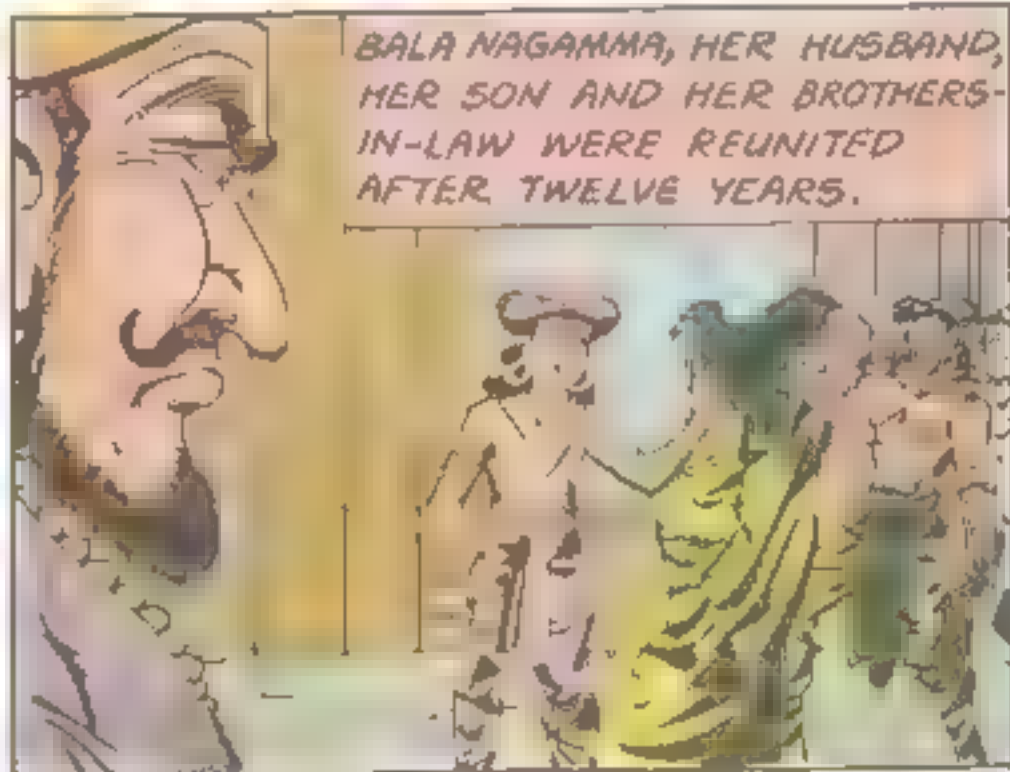
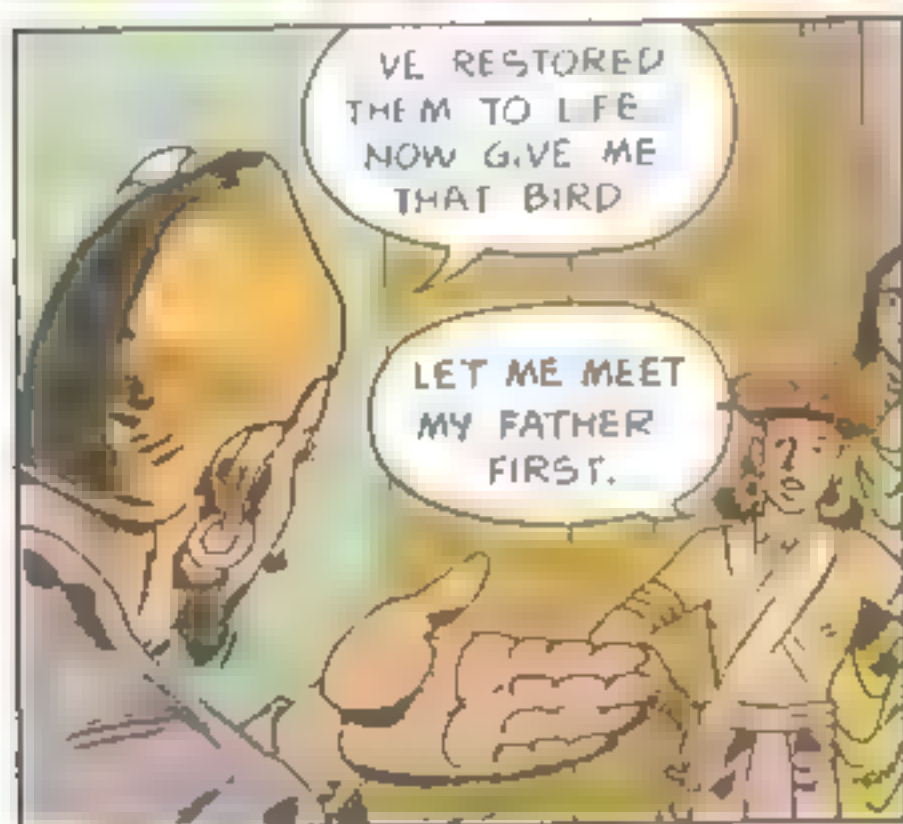
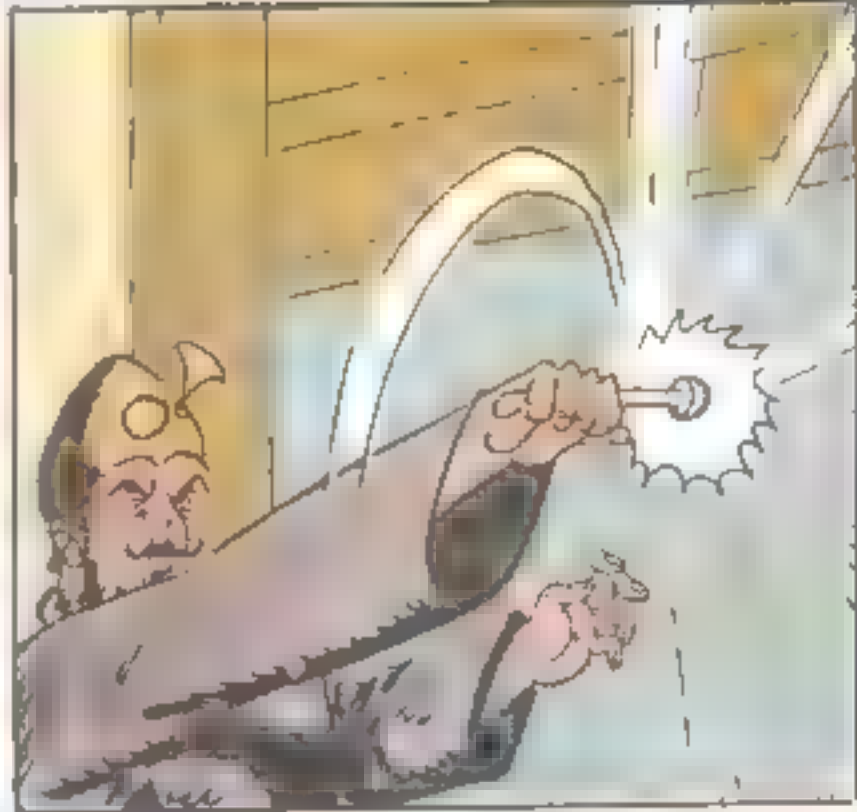
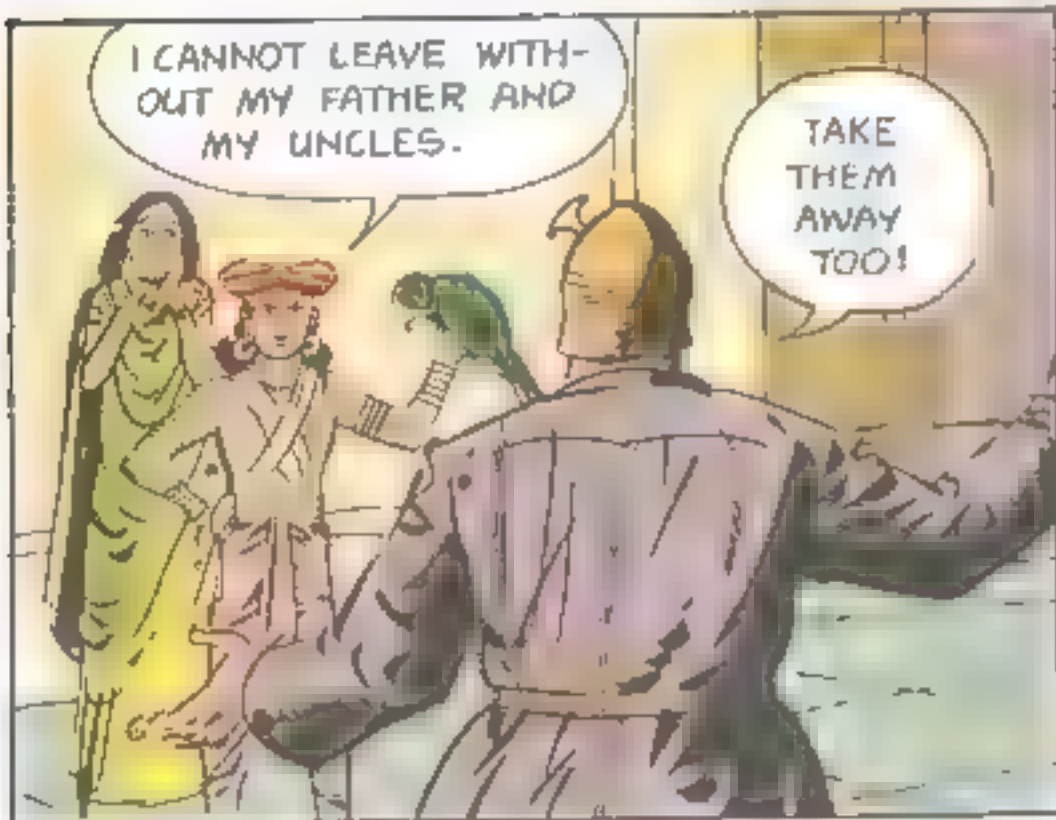


THERE'S THE PARROT YOU'RE AFTER!

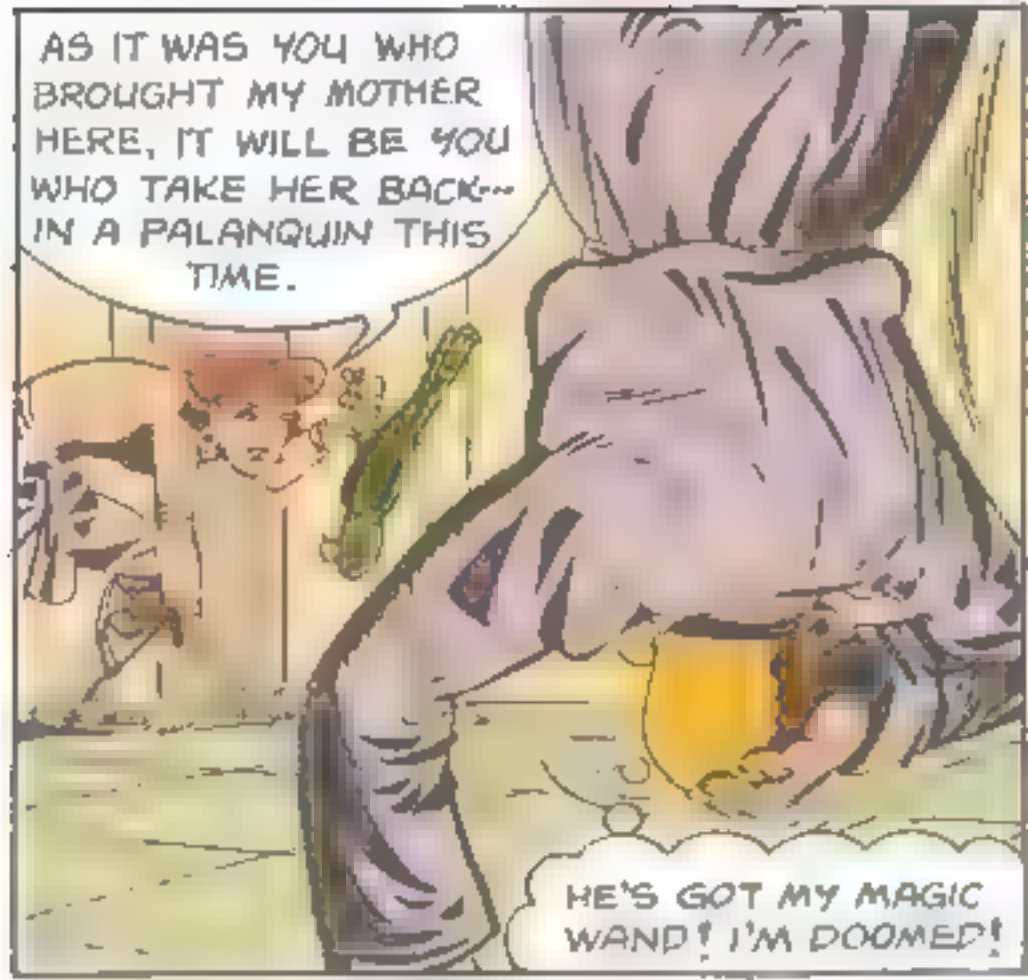






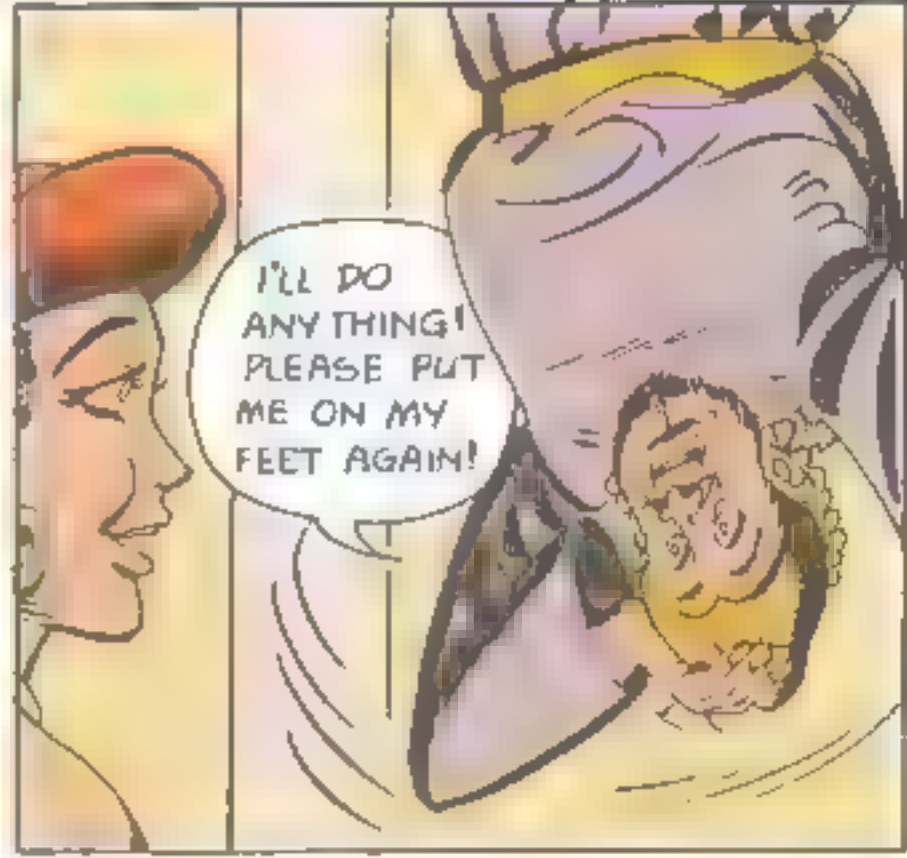


AS IT WAS YOU WHO BROUGHT MY MOTHER HERE, IT WILL BE YOU WHO TAKE HER BACK-- IN A PALANQUIN THIS TIME.



HE'S GOT MY MAGIC WAND! I'M DOOMED!

I'LL DO ANYTHING! PLEASE PUT ME ON MY FEET AGAIN!



BALARAJU SAID GOODBYE TO THE OLD WOMAN WITH WHOM HE HAD STAYED..

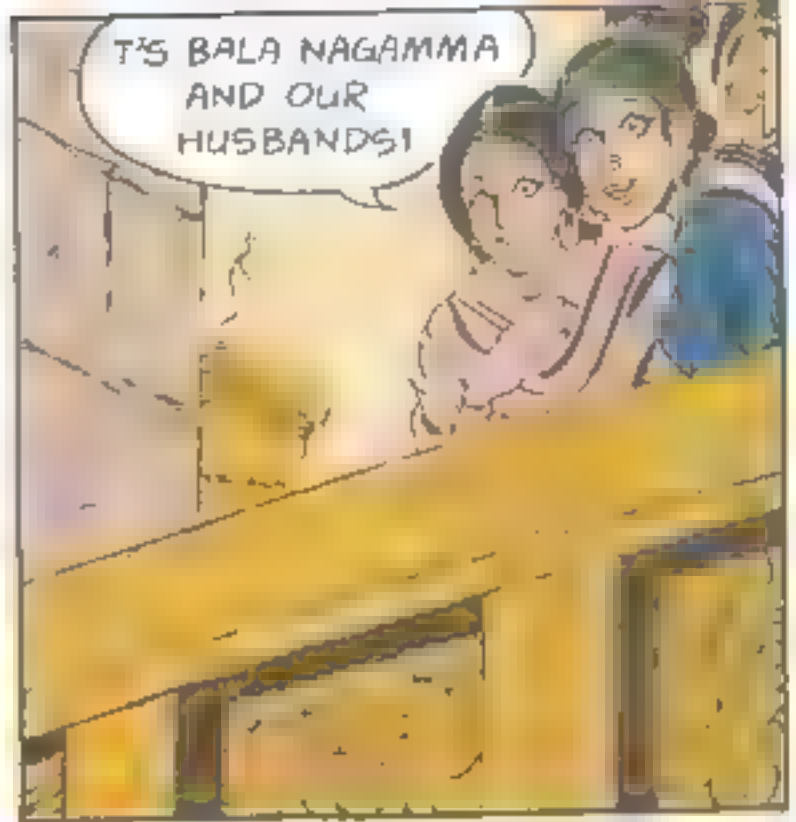


AND THEN, HE, HIS PARENTS AND HIS UNCLES SET OFF FOR HOME

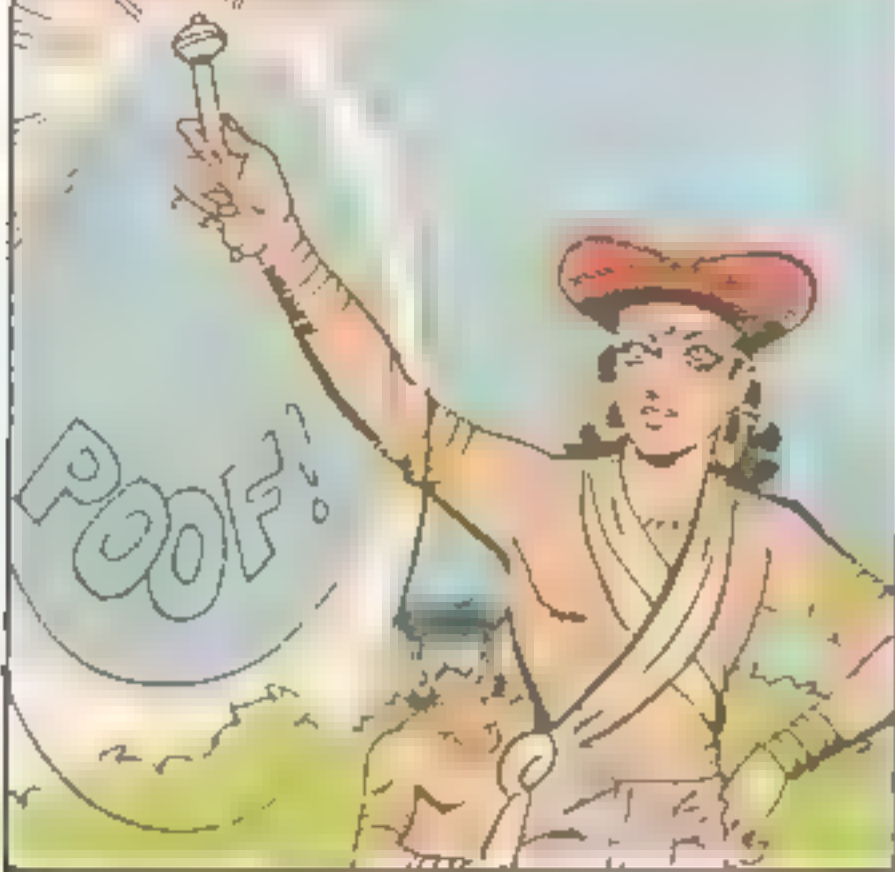


AS THE STRANGE PROCESSION WENDED ITS WAY HOME, BALARAJU RENEWED HIS ACQUAINTANCE WITH ALL THE PEOPLE HE HAD MET EARLIER





AS THE MAGICIAN LUNGED FOR THE PARROT —



THE POOR BIRD...
BUT THERE WAS
NO OTHER WAY!



LET'S GO, SON.
THAT MAN WON'T
TROUBLE ANYBODY
ANYMORE



Geeta gets highest marks in Geometry for accurate drawings

She
uses



OMEGA

GLOXY

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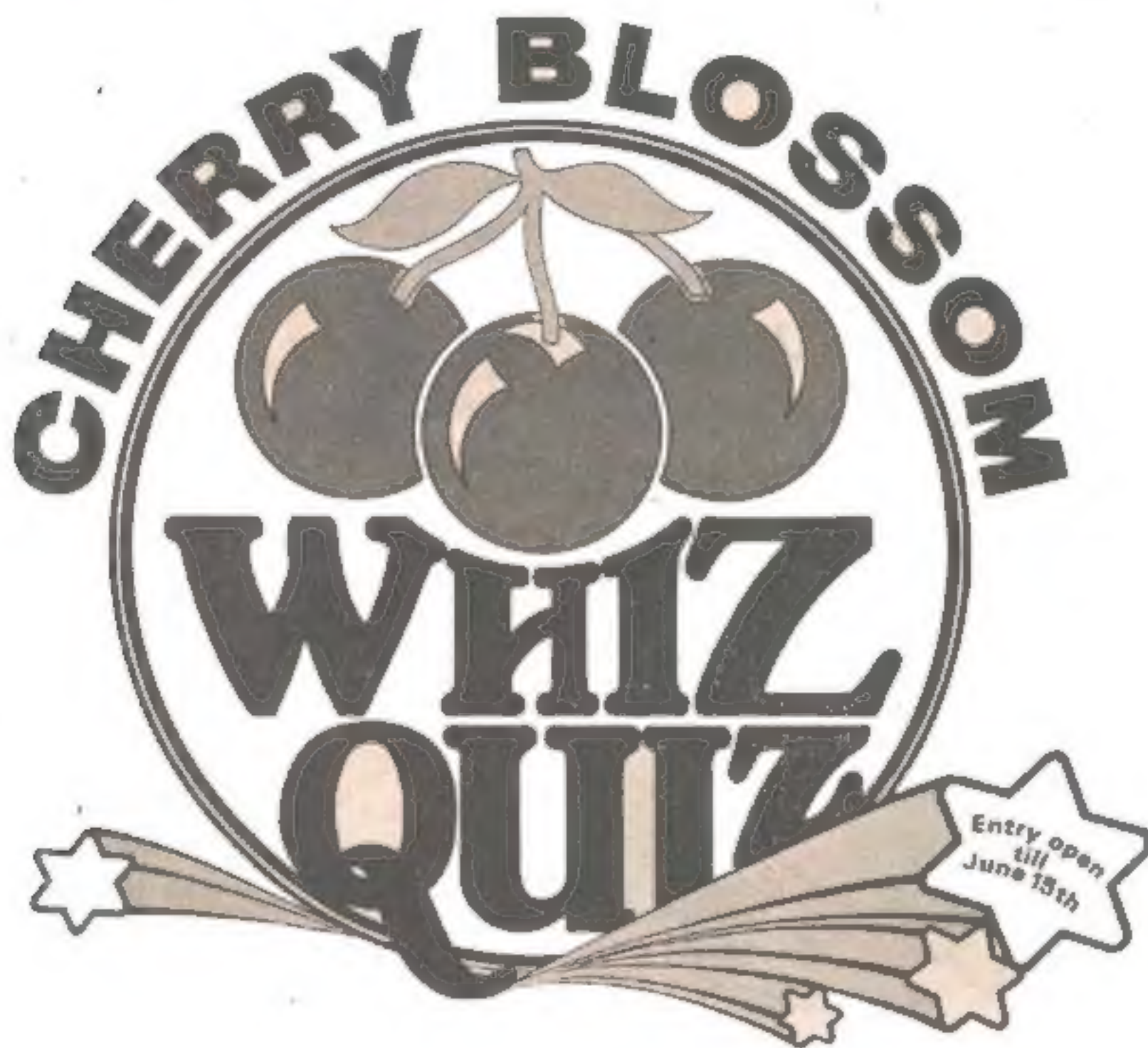
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ENTRY FORM

- Who sang the song "Mera Joota hai Japani"?
☐ Lata ☐ Mukesh ☐ Kishore
- Behind a rider's shoe is a piece of metal which is used for prodding the horse. What is it called?
☐ Spear ☐ Spur ☐ Goat
- A fairy tale character lost her glass slipper. Who was she?
☐ Snow White ☐ Cinderella ☐ Red Riding Hood
- What is the first name of the Indian Film heroine whose last name is also a style of footwear?
☐ Rekha ☐ Padmini ☐ Pooja
- Listed below are 9 qualities of Cherry Blossom. Select the 7 you feel are most important and rank them from 1 to 7 in what you feel is their order of importance by putting the rank in the box provided.
☐ Has an international formula
☐ Nourishes leather
☐ Gives a longer lasting shine
☐ Is economical
☐ Is easy to use
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☐ Makes shoes last longer
☐ Keeps leather soft

Please complete the following sentence in not more than 10 words (English or Hindi).

I Cherry Blossom my shoes every day because

मैं अपने जूते रोज़ चैरी ब्लॉसम से चमकाता हूँ क्योंकि

Name _____

Address _____

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Silver
Orange
Silver
Red
Silver
Yellow

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now have a
silver striped wrappin'!

Guess what, kids! The tricksters
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on the Parle POPPINS
colourful foil pack.
Then, keep poppin' them in
for fruity flavoured
fun, okay?

WATCH FOR
THE SILVER STRIPES
BEFORE YOU
POP 'EM IN.

PARLE
POPPINS

Now,
the imitators can't
fool you.

